

Airlines Explanation

The local representative of the Alaska Airlines, stated officially yesterday that the report of their planes operating between Hong Kong and Shanghai was incorrect. The source added that their company is only prepared to accept in the evacuation of people from Shanghai to the United States.

It is emphasized that this contemplated operation is an emergency one and will cease immediately on the resumption of Pan American Airways' and North West Airlines' flights to the Northern metropolis.

ANOTHER PLANE FROM LUNGHWA

It was amid considerable machine-gun fire that 18 passengers, mostly women and children, boarded a CATC plane at Shanghai's Lungwha airfield on Sunday afternoon. The plane arrived here yesterday morning via Canton where it had stayed overnight.

Earlier in the morning a CNAC transport arrived from Shanghai with 48 passengers, also mostly women and children. The CNAC plane had left Shanghai on Monday and stayed overnight at Swatow.

Once a busy airport, the Lungwha airfield was deserted when the passengers rode into it on fully loaded lorries after passing more than three searching posts.

On their way to the airport the passengers saw high-level soldiers manning pill boxes and machine-gun nests and armoured cars patrolling important streets. Barbed wire and barricades were seen everywhere.

Naval Aid Fund

The Hong Kong Naval Aid Fund will close at the end of the month. It was announced yesterday. Latest contributions to the fund follow:

Previously known— HK\$

Jetted	412,700.13
Messrs. George Mc-	
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RICE SHIPS DIVERTED FROM SHANGHAI

Due to heavy fighting in the Shanghai area, the three "Merry" ships, carrying about 20,000 tons of rice for the city, which left Hong Kong last Friday, have been diverted to Keelung, Formosa, on the instructions of Mayor Chen Liang-shan of Shanghai.

Latest information available at the local office of the Economic Co-operation Administration, which chartered the steamers, indicated that the Chinese vessels will have another try at reaching the Communist-besieged metropolis.

There are now another three ships loaded with about 10,000 tons of rice in port here today, ready to sail for Canton. Mr. John Kaseham, Acting Director of the Hong Kong ECA Office, revealed yesterday. About 2,000 tons of this will be shipped to Swatow.

The three steamers, owned by the Chinese Nationalist Government-controlled China Merchants Steamship Navigation Company, left the Colony last Friday with the much-needed cargo to augment the dwindling food stocks at Shanghai.

The CMSN vessels were originally ordered to sail up the Yangtze to Shanghai if possible to discharge the rice.

Under the present circumstances, however, they will probably anchor off Woosung from where every possible means of conveyance will be utilised to deliver the emergency stocks.

Touching on the question of the present situation of ECA, Mr. Kaseham said that due to the unexpected Communist advance there are only two ECA offices in China now—at Canton, its GHQ and at Formosa. The main ECA project at Formosa is the distribution of fertilizer.

Part of ECA personnel in Canton will shortly be transferred to the Colony where they will take care of the incoming ECA ships from the United States. However, the operation programme of the Canton GHQ will remain unchanged for the time being.

Mr. Roger D. Lapham, ECA Chinese Director, arrived here last night from Canton, accompanied by Mr. J. Griffin.

The plane which was hovering over Kai Tak yesterday morning was forced back to Canton because of poor visibility. It returned and landed safely a few hours later.

Reform Club Split

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"I compliment my legal friend who has just preceded me for being able to say so much to the point with a commendable brevity. I must, however, correct him when he points out that the British took over this island as a barren rock. Legend has it that the territory was in fact populated—sparsely, it is true, but nevertheless there were some signs of habitation when Captain Elliott first landed. That these original inhabitants were actually pirates and brigands would, I understand, give their descendants, today according to the Chinese Law, some claim to a vote on the score that they were here before us and had long since laid aside the cutlasses and pistols for quieter pursuits.

"If there ever was a time—this is it, when you see the Hong Kong citizen, their permanent resident, the Hong Kong born or Hong Kong by adoption must in the interests of self-preservation, declare themselves as forcefully as you can, that you will vote as a British citizen and that you stand for no other form of franchise, otherwise a highly organised minority is likely to flout your birthright to the lasting damnation of you, the true Hong Kong citizen, and all you prize most dearly," concluded Mr. Martin.

Racial Antipathies

The fourth speaker, Mr. R. A. Webb, said as a Briton born in the United Kingdom, and from recent experience had seen the dangers of racial antipathies, he could not deplore too strongly the tendency of making a political debate the source of racial friction.

Personally he could not agree that the participation of responsible Chinese members of the community in the Councils of the Colony, or of electing Chinese nationals who are also British subjects, to the legislature, would lead to the disasters which Mr. deSilva and Mr. Martin envisaged. He felt sure that the Chinese business' men, industrialist and worker, many of whom have been the victims of unfortunate experiences in China, were as much concerned with the safety and well-being of the Colony as we ourselves.

Mr. Webb advocated the introduction of the status of Hong Kong citizenship as being the most vital factor in uniting this cosmopolitan community. He suggested that the holders of such status should be persons domiciled in the Colony for at least one year and with a responsibility to the Colony in the form of property owned and/or registered place of business. Such a person

could be reckoned as a true citizen of the Colony contributing to the business life and the communal development of Hong Kong.

Discounting the argument that it would be unconstitutional to enfranchise persons who were neither British subjects by birth or by naturalisation, Mr. Webb said the principle of granting a vote to non-British residents was permitted in the Municipal Council plan, whereby 30 councillors were to be elected by a cosmopolitan electorate and that those councillors themselves mainly British, were to elect two members to the Legislative Council. The advantage of a Hong Kong citizenship status was obvious, said Mr. Webb. It would clarify the position of many people who would take upon themselves the responsibility of leadership and make their contribution to the development of the Colony.

Naturalisation

Mr. Webb suggested that any person who has held Hong Kong citizenship for five years should qualify for naturalisation, if he desired British nationality.

The present system of government has not kept pace with the times, said Mr. Webb who pointed out the absence of representation in the local councils for the industrialists who were the future life blood of the Colony. He mentioned the present uncontrolled importation of Japanese goods which threatened the local industry with extinction and people with unemployment. A tariff should be imposed on imports from Japan, and the money realised from it should be devoted to the payment, at least in part, of persons' repatriation claims.

The meeting was then thrown open to the public and the chairman was asked whether acceptance of the Landale scheme meant the scrapping of the Municipal Council plan. Mr. Loeberly replied that the Landale scheme provided for a reconstituted legislature as well as a municipal council.

Another question asked was whether the Reform Club had expressed views on the Chinese Reform Association, to which Mr. Bernacchi replied that this had been done both privately and publicly.

Another questioner, a Central European national, said he was not British, but he agreed with Mr. Silva that British nationality was a prerequisite to a right to vote for the legislature. Speaking from experience in his own country, there was always the danger of outside pressure and influence as we in Hong Kong had just across the border.

Reminders

Today

Meeting of 1st Kowloon (St. Andrew's) Boy Scouts, Church hall, 5 p.m.
 Tee H Club Meeting, Talbot House, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.
 Special Cinema Performance, by Literary Society, St. Andrew's Church Hall, 8 p.m.
 Kowloon Residents' Association, annual general meeting, St. Andrew's Church hall, 6.30 p.m.
 HK Photographic Society, monthly dinner, Cafe Wascman.
 Douglas Steamship Co., annual general meeting, P & O Bldg., 12 noon.
 Demonstrations in "Better Homes Series" by Mrs. H. H. Findlay Goullie, YWCA, Duddell St., 8 p.m.
 Sino-British Club Orchestra rehearsal, Cosmo Club, 7 p.m.
 League Tennis matches in "C" Division, (men).
 HK Art Club, monthly exhibition, St. John's Cathedral hall, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
 Legislative Council meeting, 2.30 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW
 HK Art Club, monthly exhibition, St. John's Cathedral hall, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
 Kowloon Rotary Club, Closed meeting, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
 RAF Association luncheon, Jacobean Room, HK Hotel, 12.45 p.m.
 Y's Men's Club of Hong Kong, luncheon at Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
 Union Church Ladies Guild meeting, Helena May Institute, 3 p.m.

FRIDAY
 Women's Home-burning demonstrations, European YMCA, 10.30 a.m.

SATURDAY
 Beach Picnic, European YMCA, 2.30 p.m. (to Silverstrand Beach).
 Lawn Bowls, league matches, at all clubs.

SUNDAY
 Tee H Classical concert, 50, Macdonnell Road, Talbot House, 8.30 p.m.
 Talk on "A Serviceman Abroad" by Mr. P. Addison, European YMCA, 8.45 p.m.

Beach Picnic, European YMCA, to Silverstrand Beach, 2.30 p.m.
 Opening of HK Gun Club, at Kwai Chung, 7-mile Castle Peak Road, 3 p.m.

Four Wedding Announcements

The forthcoming weddings, have been announced at the following at the Supreme Court Marriage Registrar's Office:

Robert Bauer, merchant, of 70B Wingfield Road; and Miss Albertina Maria Baleros, of 46 Morrison Hill Road.
 Constantine Carliotti, Jr., purchaser, of 169 Hennessy Road, top floor, and Miss Aida Gomes, Leonardo Elomago Maria Remedios, clerk, of 9 Carnarvon Road, and Miss Lydia Maria Sequeira, office assistant, of 4 Ashley Road.
 Bartholomew Sheenan, oxy-acetylene burner, of 9 Club Chambers, Taikee Dock; and Miss Jane Barclay Thomson, Nursing Sister of Queen Mary Hospital.

For stealing clothing and two fountain pens from Hui Kwang-shing on Monday, Lau Hing, aged 21, was sentenced to four months hard labour and recommended for deportation by Mr. F.X. d'Almeida at Central yesterday.

ALLEGED FORGERY CASE HEARING BEGINS

The hearing of the case against Rodrigo Alvaro Vieira Ribeiro, charged with forging a letter guaranteeing the honouring of a Chartered Bank cheque for HK\$20,216 and uttering it commenced before Mr. Thomas Tam at Central yesterday.

Inspector Thomas is prosecuting the case while defendant is represented by Mr. Y. H. Chan.

Killion Off For Japan

Mr. George L. Killion, President of the American President Line, who visited the Colony for the first time last week-end on an for Eastern inspection tour, made a sudden departure when he left by the ss. President Cleveland last Monday, for Japan.

The APL head had originally planned to fly to Kobe today with Mr. George K. Bowden, APL Counsel, who is accompanying him on the tour.

Mr. Killion left immediately after lunching with the Governor at Hong Kong Hotel, when Mr. T. B. Wilson, Hong Kong General Manager, was host to the visiting executive.

It was explained that Mr. Killion apparently finished his business earlier than expected and decided at the last minute to travel by the APL liner which brought him here.

The departure of the President Cleveland was held up three and a half hours for the APL chief. She left at 3 p.m. instead of the planned time of 11.30 a.m.

Mr. Killion is touring the Far East with the object of studying conditions relative to an extensive expansion programme of the organisation, which has set a total of 10 luxury passenger liners for its round-the-world and trans-Pacific operations. At present there are five, the President Monroe, President Polk, President Cleveland, President Wilson and General Gordon. The General Meigs is "roosting" in the meantime.

SIR ROBERT'S FUNERAL

The funeral of Sir Robert H. Kotewall, who died on Monday night, will be held today.

In the morning there will be a religious service at the residence, The Rev. Percy Smith will officiate.

The funeral procession will start at 11 a.m. A brief stoppage will be made in the Hong Kong University for farewells.

The burial will take place at Mount Davis by the side of Lady Kotewall's grave.

"P" AND "O" APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments have recently been made in the "P" and "O" list:

Mr. J. O. Divers, MBE, to be in command of the Sudan; Mr. A. G. Jenkins, the Ranch; Mr. E. Lee, the Stratheden; Mr. L. Porter, Staff commander of the Mooltan for the forthcoming voyage to Australia only, where he will take over the command of the Devanha.

FIRE AT PAINT FACTORY

Fire broke out at the National Lacquer and Paint company's factory at 704 King's Road, yesterday afternoon.

A quantity of resin and the rear structure of the factory are damaged but no one was injured. Two fire engines were sent to the scene and the fire was put out.

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NOTICE

SUMMARY OFFENCES ORDINANCE, 1932.

(Ordinance No. 40 of 1932)

GENERAL PERMIT GRANTED BY THE COMMISSIONER
OF POLICE, UNDER SUB-SECTIONS (15) AND (10)
OF SECTION 3 OF THE SUMMARY OFFENCES ORDINANCE,
1932, TO HOLD FUNERAL AND MARRIAGE PROCESSIONS
AND TO PLAY MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS THEREAT.

A General permit is hereby granted under sub-sections
(15) and (10) of section 3 of the Summary Offences Or-
dinance, 1932, to hold a procession on the occasion of and
for the purpose of a funeral or a marriage and to play
musical instruments during the holding of such a procession
subject to the following conditions:

(1) Notice must be given to the officer in charge of the
Police station nearest to which the procession is to
commence not less than 6 hours before the commence-
ment of a funeral procession and not less than 2 days
before the commencement of a marriage procession.

(2) Such notice shall contain the following information with
regard to the procession:—
(a) the date, time and object thereof;

(b) the names and addresses of the persons responsible
for the organisation thereof;

(c) the proposed route thereof and number of persons
who will participate therein;

(d) the number and type of vehicles intended to be
used;

(e) the number of bands, if any, intended to be pro-
vided by the organisers.

(3) The persons responsible for the organisation of the pro-
cession will ensure that peace and good order is pre-
served and minimise any obstruction or inconvenience
and shall comply with any directions given by the Com-
missioner of Police as to the route which shall be fol-
lowed.

(4) This permit shall not extend to a procession encroach-
ing upon a footpath or verandah.

NOTICE TO MARINERS NO. 13 OF 1949

Hong Kong. Local Typhoon Signals

Local Typhoon Signals in full will, in future, be ex-
hibited from the following points:—

	Day	Night
Royal Observatory	X	X
Marine Office	X	X
Royal Naval Dockyard	X	X
Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Com- pany, Limited	X	—
Green Island	X	—
Kowloon Railway Station	—	X
Hong Kong & Whampoa Dock Company, Limited	—	X
Stonecutters Island	—	X
Lycemum Barracks	—	X

Authority.—Director of the Royal Observatory, Hong Kong.

N. GARLAND,
Acting Director of Marine.

Marine Office,
Hong Kong, May 21, 1949.

NOTICE TO MARINERS
NO. 14 OF 1949.

CAPE D'AGUILAR
RADIO STATION (VPS)

As from midnight GMT
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D'Aguilar Radio (VPS) will
radiate weather bulletins on
475 Kc/s and 8405 Kc/s simul-
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night GMT each day.

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Authority.—Postmaster Gen-
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N. GARLAND,
Acting Director of Marine.

Marine Office,
Hong Kong, May 23, 1949.

NOTICE

The Annual General Meeting
of the Hong Kong Stage Club
will be held at 8.30 p.m. on
May 30, 1949 in the PRO-
fession Theatre, Statue Square.
The main business of the Meet-
ing will be the election of a
Committee for the Season
1949-50.

THE HONG KONG
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Draft Programmes and En-
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Race Meeting to be held on
Saturday 4th and Monday 6th
June, 1949, (weather permit-
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Secretary's Office, Exchange
Building, the Club House,
Happy Valley; and the Stables,
Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock
noon on Thursday, 25th May,
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By Order,
D. L. PROPHET,
Actg. Secretary.

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FRIDAY, 27th May, " " 9.00 P.M.
SATURDAY, 28th May, " " 9.00 P.M.

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ing player.

S J 8 5 3
H Q 9 6 3 2
D 7 4 3
C None

S A 7 4
H K J
D K 10 8
C 9 8 6 5

S Q 10 9 6 2
H None
D A J 8
C A 10 7 4 2

(Dealer: South East-West vul-
nerable).
South West North East
1 S Dbl 4 S Pass
Pass Dbl
Where slightly different bid-
ding landed South in the same
4-Spades, the contract was made
by an extreme cross-ruff. The
club K was won by the A, club
2 ruffed by the spade 3, heart 5
ruffed by the spade 2, club 5 by
the spade 3, heart 3 by the spade
6, club 7 by the spade 8, and the
heart 7 led. East ruffed with his
spade A. South discarding a dia-
mond, and returned the spade 4
to halt the ruffing. South won,
then had to give up one trick to
the spade K and another in dia-
monds, so made his contract.
Where a brilliant West sat at
another table, he reckoned that
the jump to spade game over the
double indicated shortage some-
where coupled with trumps
usable for ruffing. So he pon-
dered a lead of his sole spade.
The trump K would be a bad
enough lead in most cases, but
here he reckoned it probably
would cost nothing if his partner
had either the A or Q.
So he boldly put it forth. His
partner, after keen study, was
smug enough to overtake it with
the A and return the 4, taking
out the second trump in each of
that with the Q, scored the club
A, ruffed the club 2 with the
spade 8, the heart 2 with the
spade 6, the club 4 with dummy's
last trump, the J, the heart 3
with the spade 8, and had only
one trump left. He gave up the
club 7 to the K, ruffed the re-
turned heart A with his last
trump, the 10, then had to lose
two tricks in diamonds and one
to the spade 7 to be down two
tricks—all because. West led his
trump K, East overtook with the
A and returned another trump.

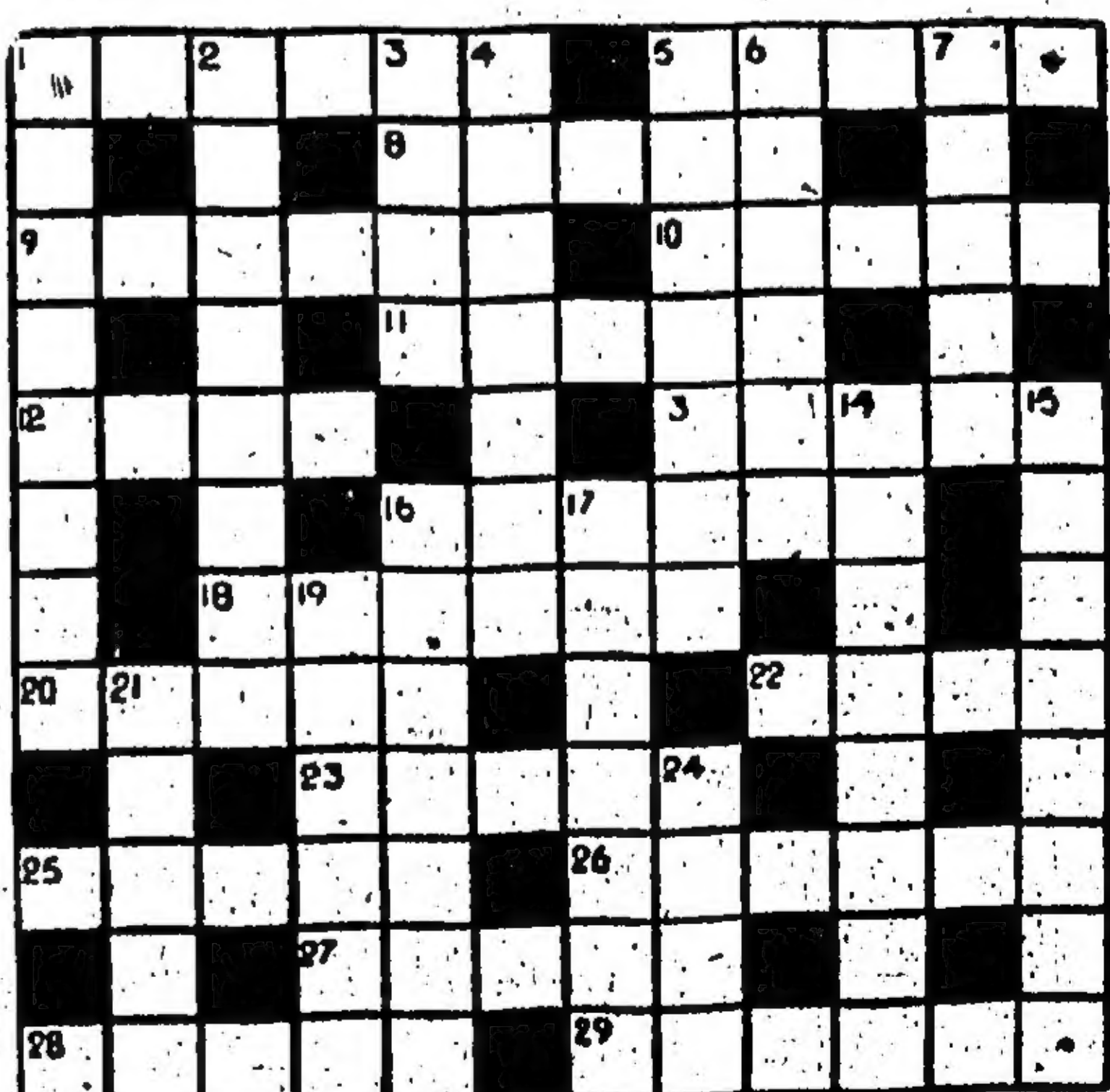
Tomorrow's Problem
S Q 9 8 5
H A 10 9 3
D K 10
C Q 9 2

S J 2
H 5
D 7 5 5
C J 10 8
5 4

S A K 10 7 6 4
H Q J 2
D A 2
C A 8

(Dealer: South. Both sides
vulnerable).
What would you consider the
best bidding in rubbers or tour-
naments, on this deal?

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Across

- 1 Hire.
- 2 Yields.
- 3 Change.
- 4 Decide.
- 5 Hut.
- 6 Feels pain.
- 7 Amist.
- 8 Hesitate.
- 9 Cure.
- 10 Wore away.
- 11 20 Yields.
- 12 23 "Stop".
- 13 23 Denude.
- 14 25 Hoem.
- 15 26 Large-billed bird.
- 16 27 Presces.
- 17 28 Runs away.
- 18 29 Merchant.

Yesterday's Crossword

- ACROSS:—3 Host, 7 Aroma, 8 Hied, 9 Fire, 10 Eminent, 12 Want, 15 Amass, 18 Step, 19 Arise, 21 Linen, 22 Stew, 23 De-

Down

- 1 Rapt.
- 2 Mustered.
- 3 Fete.
- 4 Chosen by vote.
- 5 Withdrew.
- 6 Effaced.
- 7 Farewell.
- 8 Fabulous.
- 9 Servant.
- 10 Rolls.
- 11 Deserved.
- 12 Save.
- 13 Drive out.
- 14 Attitude.

- ter, 26 Dign, 29 Reserve, 30 Item, 31 Berg, 32 Force, 33 Note. DOWN:—1 Trump, 2 Emulate, 4 Onlie, 5 Thew, 6 Lean, 9 Snap, 11 Emerald, 13 Anew, 14 Thew, 16 Bates, 17 Glad, 18 Snug, 20 Tattered, 22 Stem, 24 Erect, 25 Evile, 27 Idea, 28 Sign.

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LABOUR SPLIT OVER ELECTION PLATFORM

London, May 23.

Two important moves tonight disclosed the develop-
ment of a formidable opposition within the
Labour Movement to the "five-year plan"
drafted by the leaders of the Labour Party as
a programme for next year's general election.
The draft document will be submitted to the Labour
Party's annual conference in two weeks' time.Important sections of each of
the three wings of the Labour
Movement—the Parliamentary
Labour Party itself, the Co-
operative Movement and the
trades unions—are expected be-
fore then to have taken a critical
stand.Tonight, the Fabian Society,
the 55-year old "parent" of the
Labour Party, published a pam-
phlet by the veteran propa-
gandist, G.D.H. Cole, criticising the
timidity of the "five-year plan."
Mr. Cole argues that a second
Labour Government will have to
concentrate mainly on developing
and improving the industries
which have been nationalised
and the social services which
have been launched by the pre-
sent Government.But he insists that the Socialist
nature of the Government should
be proved by other reforms, in-
cluding the abolition of the

Co-ops' Objections

Simultaneously, the leaders of
the powerful Co-operative Move-
ment were in conference in Lon-
don, drafting their objections to
the plan.These objections are under-
stood to centre on the pro-
posals to nationalise industrial
insurance, a field in which the
Co-operative Movement has
important interests. They will
be presented to the leader of
the Labour Party later this
month.Criticism has already been
voiced by Mr. Jack Bailey, Sec-
retary of the Co-operative Move-
ment, in a document to
branches of the party. He wrote:
"If we conceal our fears and mis-
givings until Labour has irre-
vocably committed itself to this
draft statement, the days, either
of the Labour Government or of
the Co-operative Movement, are
numbered."Another disagreement within
the Labour Movement will be
carried a stage further on the
eve of the Labour Party's con-
ference. The leaders of the
million-strong Trades
Union Congress will meet the
Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir
Stanford Cripps, to stress again
their view that more should be
done to keep down the cost of
living.—Reuter.

DEATH OF ATOM SCIENTIST

Palo Alto, California,

Professor William Webster Han-
sen, aged 29, one of America's
most distinguished radar and
atomic scientists, died here last
night after a long illness, it was
disclosed today. The wartime
microwave radar owned its de-
velopment to his work as co-
inventor of the Klystron tube.
His death came shortly after
Stanford University completed a
new \$100,000 microwave labora-
tory to house a new linear
accelerator developed by him.
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greatest energy ever produced by
man—and is expected to create
matter from energy.—United
Press.Washington, May 23.
Funeral services for Mr. James
Forrestal, former Defence Sec-
retary who committed suicide, will
be held in Arlington National
Cemetery on Wednesday.—United
Press.

Thomas Mann's Son Poisoned

Cannes, May 23.

Klaus Mann, aged 43, son
of the German-born novelist
Thomas Mann, was found
poisoned in his hotel room
here during the week-end.
Dr. Jean Baloux, who made
a post mortem examination,
declared that death was due
to barbiturate poisoning.
Mann, an American na-
tional, had been staying here
for a short period.—Reuter.

Hollywood Separation

Hollywood, May 23.

The actress Evelyn Keyes said
today that she and her husband,
director John Huston, have sepa-
rated because of incompatibility
but that plans for a divorce are
indefinite."Despite mutual respect and
friendship for each other," she
said, "we realise that as husband
and wife we are incompatible.
We are two people who want to
take stock of our lives while
there is still time."After completing her picture
"Mrs. Mike" next month, Miss
Keyes plans a European tour
with the actress Paulette God-
dard. She may decide about di-
vorce after the tour.The Hustons were married on
July 23, 1946. Huston, winner of
two Academy "Oscars" last
month, has just returned from
Europe, where he scouted loca-
tions for "Quo Vadis."—United
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Why India Stayed In Commonwealth

Baltimore, May 23.

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Commonwealth.He says: "Unquestionably one changed relationship between
England and India marks a great
reversal, in some ways one of
the greatest in modern history.
Yet it has been done and
Indians and their former mas-
ters are working together.
The influence of the two peo-
ples on each other, which began
to work more than a third of a
millennium ago, is by no means
at an end."Mr. Day earlier this year won
a Pulitzer prize for a series of
articles on India.—Reuter.

THREE KILLED

Brunswick, May 23.

Three German workers were
killed today in a gun-powder
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The cause of the explosion is
not known.—Reuter.

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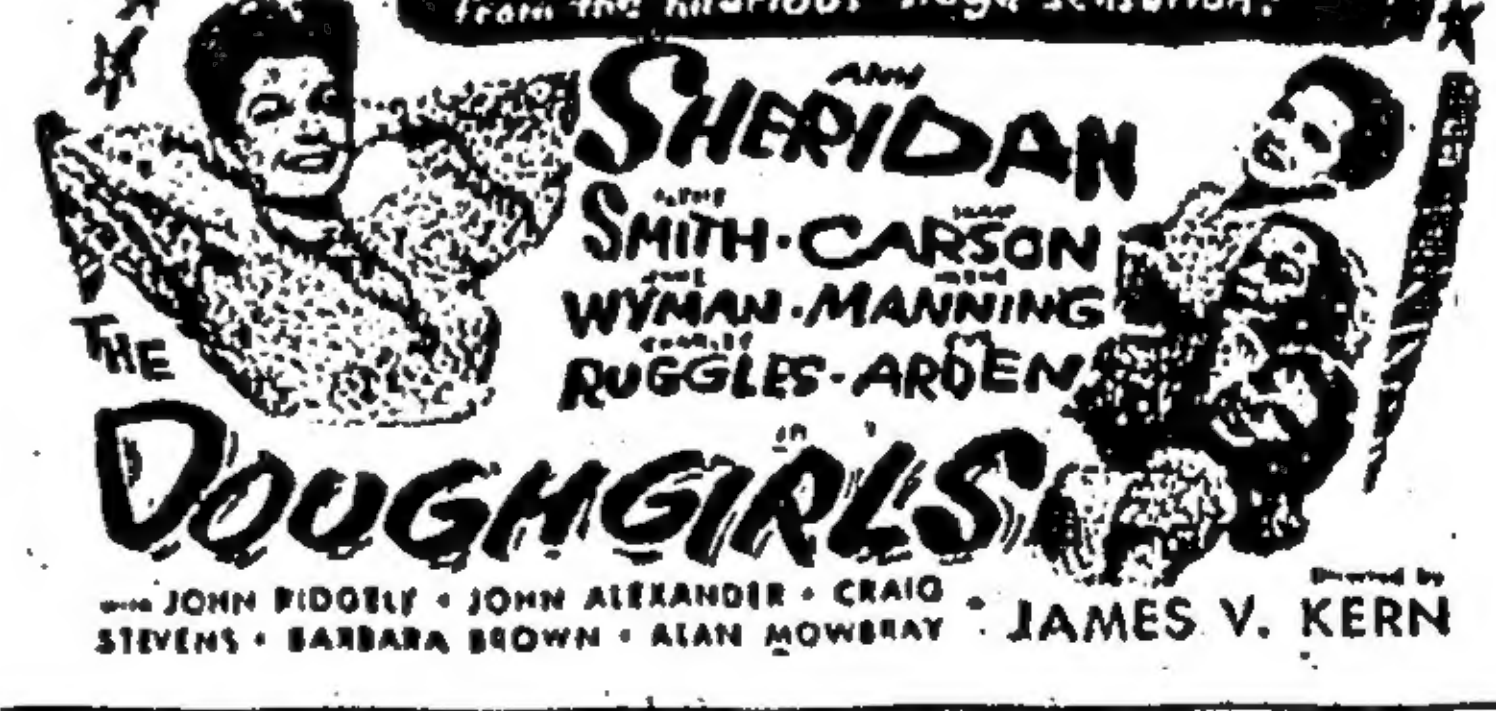
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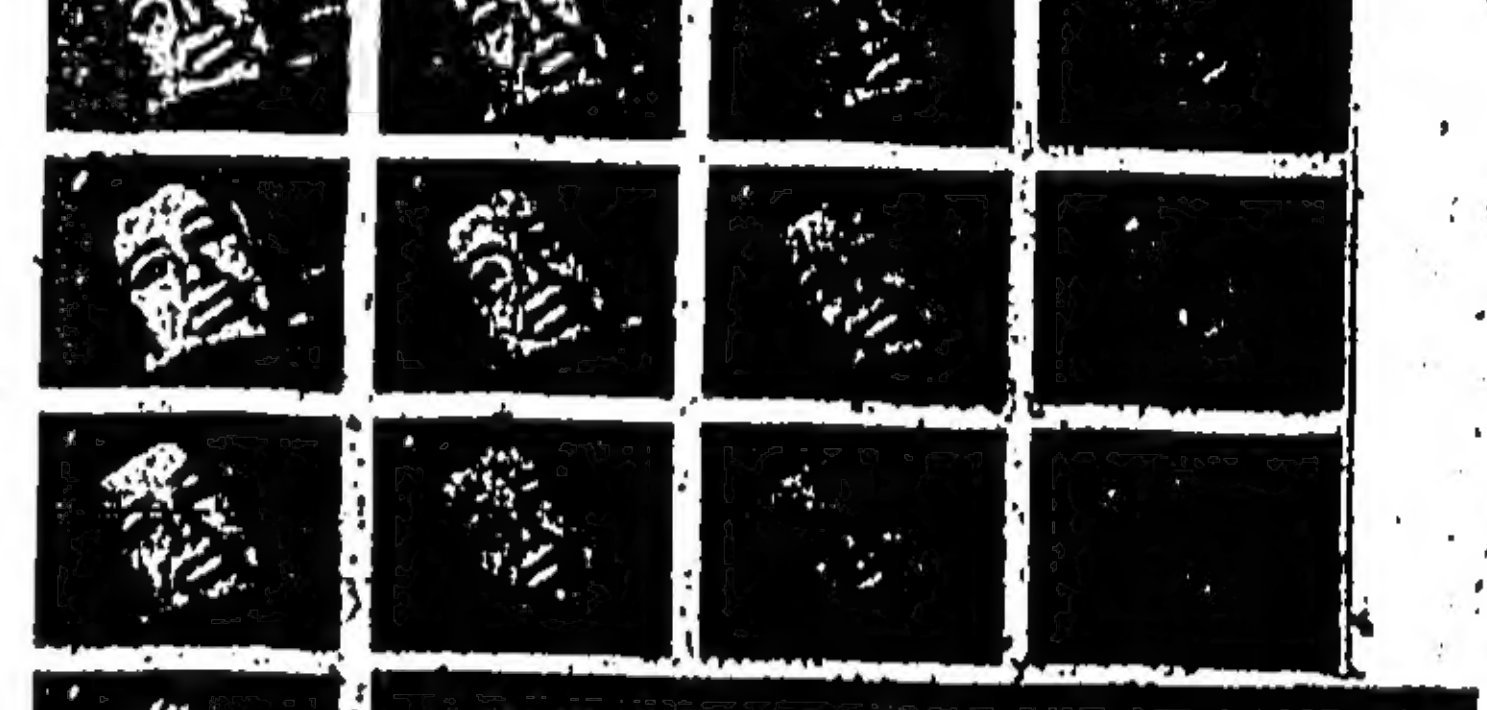
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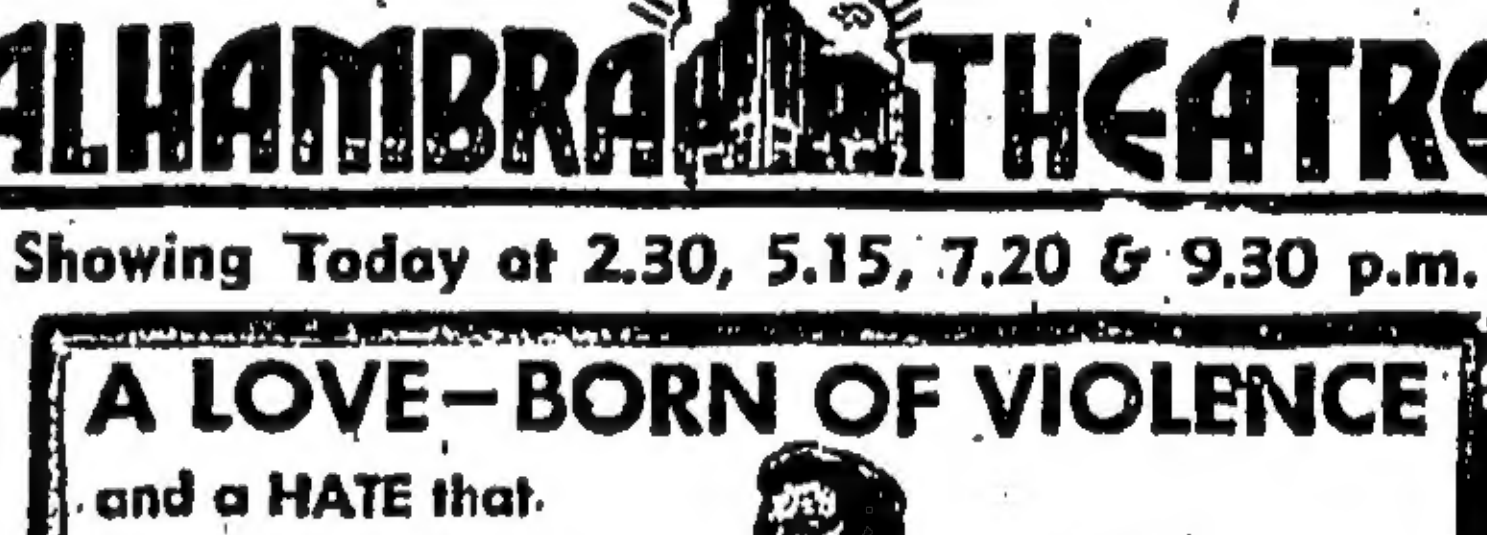
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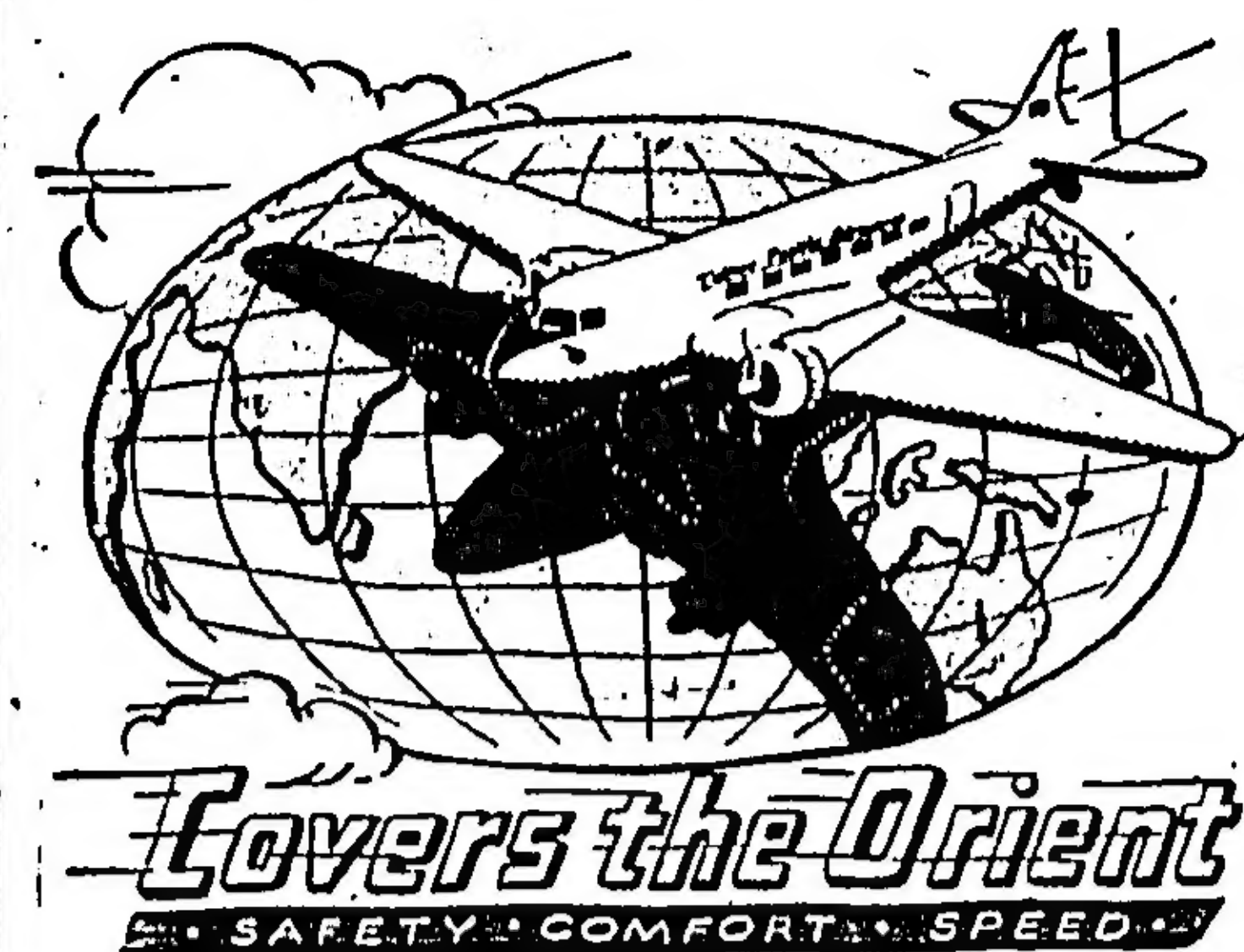
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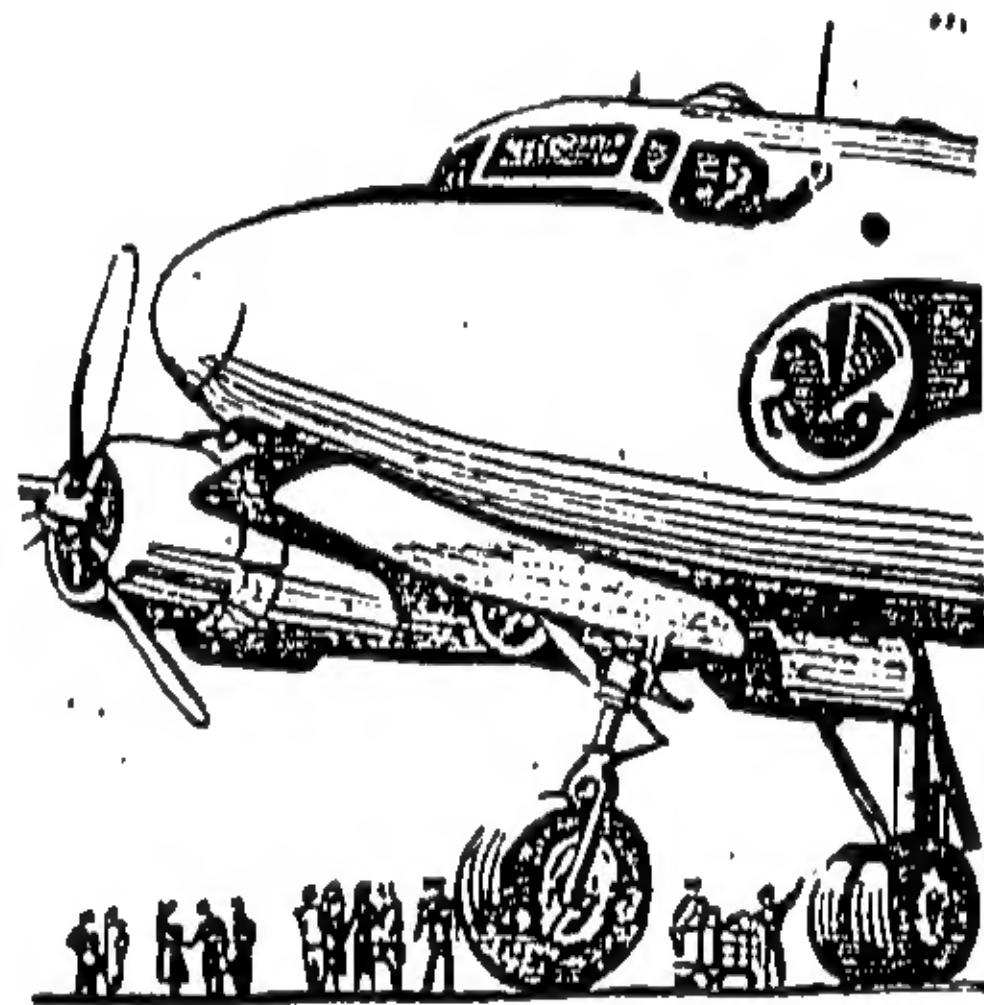
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GOVERNMENT REFORM

According to the advance notice, the Reform Club of Hong Kong, which aspires to represent all sections of the community, was last night to have announced its considered plan for a new and improved form of government. Members generally reiterated their support of the Landale plan and appealed to citizens not to be misled by the Chinese reformists' demand for a Municipal Council as originally proposed by Sir Mark Young. There was, however, a basic split on who should form the electorate.

Mr. da Silva championed the school which maintains that only British nationals should be allowed to vote, as happens in other parts of the world, while Mr. Bernacchi sponsored the view general among the Chinese, that there should be no taxation without representation—as in other parts of the world.

Obviously there is no facile solution, and many eager people are going to be disappointed, whatever system may be adopted. If the Chinese in Hong Kong were a definite minority and were certain to remain such, there might be no objection to enfranchising every one who had lived here long enough to pay taxes. Being in an overwhelming majority, they obviously have a right to be represented, but this being British territory they do not have a right to dominate its affairs.

Mr. Marcus da Silva had a good point when he spoke of the modern belief that a country and its inhabitants taken over by a foreign conqueror in the past should now achieve independence, as in the case of India, the Philippines etc., but emphasised that Hong Kong was only a barren rock when the British took it over, and that the Chinese flocked here after British rule had been established.

There is much to be said for the claim that the nationals of a foreign country cannot possibly be electors in the land of their adoption, unless they obtain naturalisation. It is surely a fair comment that any Chinese who wishes to live here permanently and desires to vote should apply for naturalisation. If they want to retain one foot in China, that is their affair, but they can hardly expect to monopolise the affairs of this Colony.

This is not to suggest that their interests should be neglected. On the contrary, it is vitally necessary that the Chinese population is adequately represented in any reformed legislature.

Mr. Bernacchi was urgently insistent that there must be no racial discrimination, with its inevitable resultant bitterness, especially at such a crucial moment. The Chinese who are interested in taking part in the conduct of our public affairs feel that they have all been promised a vote under the original Municipal Council scheme, and it could, in fact, have highly inflammatory results if they were now to be disappointed.

It seems that they are pre-

PART I: "THE PRIMATE OF HUNGARY"

THE MINDSZENTY STORY



Politics In Hungary

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IT IS possible that at the 1947 elections the Hungarian masses would have voted in great numbers for the Freedom Party, but we do not think that the Hungarian Bench of Bishops would have made any exception on behalf of this party or agreed to its support.

It was well known that the Primate demanded from the parties which appealed for the confidence of the Catholic masses an unswerving loyalty of faith and a most consistent party leadership. Some trusted members of the former Christian Democratic Peoples' Party, under the leadership of Count Joseph Palfy, had joined the Freedom Party en masse. They took a firmly Christian and oppositional stand against the Coalition Government right from the beginning; but the Freedom Party which they joined was composed of many heterogeneous elements and was dominated by those members of Parliament who had been expelled from the Smallholders' Party, and among whom every shade of political and ideological opinion was represented.

Nor could the Hungarian Bench of Bishops support the Hungarian Independent Party, which was actually headed by a Catholic priest, Stephen Balogh. Stephen Balogh, whose Hungarian public opinion knows as "Father Balogh," was the parish priest of a suburb of Szeged, the Szeged, the second largest city of Hungary. He had taken part in politics within the Smallholders' Party for many years. When the Russian troops occupied the Eastern half of Hungary, it was Father Balogh who came to an agreement, in the name of the Smallholders' Party, with Joseph Reval, representing the Communists, and with Ferenc Edecs, representing the National Peasants' Party, to form a coalition government. This agreement, which was known in Hungarian political life as "the handclasp of Szeged," became the basis of the Coalition Government that followed the "liberation" of Hungary. Stephen Balogh himself became Under-Secretary of State in the Prime Minister's office; and it was due to his political skill and diplomacy that the ship of the Coalition Government was able to steer steadily to the Left, under the directions of its Communist helmsman, through the stormy seas of Hungarian public opinion. When the Government of Ferenc Nagy (the leader of the Smallholders' Party) was removed it seemed that the position of Stephen Balogh had also become precarious. The Smallholders' Party had to give up its heavy ballot; Stephen Balogh was forced to leave his position in the Premier's office. But just before the 1947 elections he managed to emerge once again from temporary obscurity and was able, by forming a pseudo-opposition party, to render the Coalition Government useful services. The

pared to be represented by 100 per cent British subjects, and this together with the Governor's right of veto might safeguard any loss of sovereignty and form a compromise basically acceptable to both sides. It is well known that there is no question of full self-government, and that our ruling body for a long time to come must be on a colonial pattern, with limited powers for both electorate and elected. There must, however, be no grounds for racial strife at this time.

The split in the Reform Club, of which such high hopes were held, was highlighted last night, and one can expect either a break-away of dissident bodies to form stronger separate units or the gradual dissolution of the present body. From a more immediate viewpoint, we anticipate most undesirable results from some of Mr. da Silva's remarks regarding Chinese citizens. He had some good points, as we have said, but others of his statements will do material damage to good relations in the Colony.

appearance of this kind of opposition was very opportune for the Government. It believed that it offered a way of dividing oppositional public opinion. The priestly habit of Father Balogh, the determined interest shown by his party and its newspapers in matters of Church policy might serve, the Government thought, to sway the greater part of Catholic public opinion—if not towards the Left, at least to a point where it might become tolerant towards the Government's attitude and the suspicious of the leaders of the Church. The task of Father Balogh and his party was to divide Catholic public opinion; to create—if possible—differences among the bishops and thereby facilitate the realisation of the Government's plans as to Church policy.

Public Opinion

The judgment of the hierarchy and public opinion were equally justified at the time of the great dividing test, the debate on the nationalisation of church schools. Stephen Balogh's party remained indifferent, though he himself voted against the bill—leaving it to the conscience of its members as to whether or not they voted for the bill. During the parliamentary debate of this bill the attitude of the Balogh Party was unquestionably dubious. When the bill became law he was who, in the name of his daily organ, *Magyar Nemzet*, launched the sharpest attacks against the person of the Cardinal-Primate. Father Balogh blamed Cardinal Mindszenty for the loss of the religious schools to the Church and for the failure to achieve the desired peace between Church and State. This behaviour was contrary not only to the spirit of Church obedience but also to the religious and Catholic duties of a priest. Its purpose was to compel the Church, by way of this summons, to promise, into support of the anti-Church activities of Communism. Father Balogh's behaviour forced his bishop, Endre Hamvas, to recall him from political life into parish service; when he refused to obey this summons he was suspended from the exercise of his ecclesiastical functions. Father Balogh persisted in his deliberately confusing activities; he wrote five articles in his *Magyar Nemzet*, hypocritically entitled "accuse the Church," "the Church and the State," "the Church and the economy," "services to the Church and thereby proving indirectly the injustice of the Church sentence passed upon him. He went so far that when Msgr. Czapik, Archbishop of Eszter, visited Rome in October 1948, Father Balogh contributed to a Swiss newspaper, *Die Tat*, a long article on the relations of the Vatican with the Eastern states. According to this article, the Holy See had changed its attitude towards the Eastern democracies. The animadversions of the anonymous writer were based on a news item reproduced in the world's Press, based on a report from Budapest, according to which Archbishop Czapik had brought from Rome a "modus vivendi," a proposal by the Vatican to send a temporary nuncio to Hungary in order to settle the pending questions of the relations between Church and State, while simultaneously Cardinal Mindszenty, as Cardinal of the Curia, was to be summoned to Rome for the *Magyar Nemzet*. Father Balogh's paper, reproduced in its issue of October 31 long extracts from the article published by *Die Tat*, quoting the testimony of a Right Wing Swiss paper as proof that the Hungarian Catholic Church, having renounced an impasse could only escape from the situation along the path recommended by Stephen Balogh. The *Neue Zürcher Nachrichten*, however, declared that Stephen Balogh had succeeded in planting the report of this "modus vivendi" in *Die Tat* and that the Swiss paper had become the dupe of Balogh's machinations. The aim of this trick—according to the *Neue Zürcher Nachrichten*—was to mislead the Hungarian Catholics to inform them through a foreign source that their Primate had lost the favour of the Vatican, and thereby cause strife and mistrust in the ranks of Catholics. The Hungarian bishops had no voice in the matter, these far-reaching rumours through the Press or radio; they could only express their opinions in pastoral letters or through the Catholic Press Bureau. But the news issued by this bureau was not published by the newspapers, and later the *Magyar Nemzet* was closed down by the Government.

Declaration

On November 4, 1948, the Hungarian Bench of Bishops issued a declaration which proved to the whole world that the rumours of dissension were untrue and only served the purpose of forcing the Hungarian Church to her knees.

Father Balogh was a willing tool of all these manoeuvres in the Communist interest and thus strengthened Cardinal Mindszenty's view that no compromise was possible with Communism and the Communist Party, that there could be no "tactics," no "realist policy," for every agreement with the Communists, as in their foreign policy, only represented a stage in their efforts to attain their final goal—total domination.

It remains to examine why the Hungarian Bench of Catholic Bishops was constrained to withhold support from the Democratic Peoples' Party, led by Stephen Barankovics, who fled from Hungary in January 1949. This party appeared in public life as representing a Christian ideology. The *Magyar Kurir*, a semi-official Catholic newsletter, published on August 26, 1947, a declaration by the Church authorities, according to which "in various districts of the country the Cardinal-Primate's name has been used in the election campaign. There is party" it went on, "which proclaims itself the authorized representative of Hungarian Catholicism and the embodiment of the long-awaited great ideological movement. After the clear and unequivocal statement of the Hungarian Bench of Bishops this repetition seems to be superfluous. But in order to prevent the confusion of individuals, it must be stated emphatically that the position taken up by the Hungarian Bishops—which is a united decision of the Bench of Bishops and its head—remains unchanged. Any claim opposed to this—even a hint of insinuation—made by whatever party, is arbitrary and unfounded. It cannot be denied that this statement referred to the so-called Democratic Peoples' Party, which before the 1947 elections started a whispering campaign all over the country, declaring that it was the party of Hungarian Catholics, suggested in its ideology by the Cardinal-Primate himself. It was as a result of this whispering campaign that at the elections this party, which had no propaganda machinery, newspaper, or even the necessary number of candidates, was returned as the second largest party of the country after the Communists. Why did the Primate and the Bench of Bishops refuse to support this party? Especially after specifying in their letter, addressed to the Prime Minister, Ferenc Nagy—which we have reproduced above—as one of the grievances of the Church that it lacked an ideological party which could express politically the ideas of the Catholic Church?

In order to understand the situation we must return to the autumn of 1945 and the spring of 1946, when, under the provisional government, Hungarian political life began to stir in the city of Debrecen. The resistance against the Germans had united the Smallholders' Party, the Social Democratic Party, the Peasant Party (which consisted mainly of intellectuals) and the representatives of the Communist Party. These were then joined by the representative of the Catholic and social organisations, Count Joseph Palfy. After obtaining the approval of the Primate, Justinian Soreli, Count Palfy announced to the Committee of Resistance that he was attending its discussions as the representative of the Christian Democratic Peoples' Party. This announcement was duly noted by those present, and after the "liberation" Zoltan Tildy (later Prime Minister and President of the Republic), Arpad Szakasits (the present Head of the Hungarian State), Julius Kallai and Imre Kovacs gave a written confirmation. When political life re-started in Debrecen, Count Joseph Palfy was unable to be present as he was caught in besieged Buda and therefore could not ask permission of the occupying power to organise the party. After much delay and procrastination, only a few days before the 1945 elections, the National Committee of Budapest gave permission to Stephen Barankovics to start a party—also under the name of Christian Democratic Peoples' Party. Now Stephen Barankovics had been expelled by Count Joseph Palfy, the President of the original Christian Democratic Peoples' Party. This manoeuvre was the work of Zoltan Tildy; he wanted to transfer the leadership of the Christian Peoples' Party into the hands of Stephen Barankovics, who was far more Left than Palfy in his opinions and far less intransigent. He was known in Hungary as one of the leaders of the so-called progressive Catholics and had adopted the ideal of the French "Mouvement Republicain Populaire." He thought that in the political situation created inside the country by the armistice and with the policy then being pursued by the foreign powers, Hungary might be the connecting link and bridge between West and East; that the great symbols between Christianity and Socialism could be

achieved in Hungary. To support this view we might quote statements made by Eugene Kerkai, a Jesuit father (who has been arrested recently). Father Kerkai was the leader of the KALOT, the Catholic Peasant Youth Movement in Hungary. Barankovics's Democratic Peoples' Party based its organisation mainly on this movement. When the KALOT celebrated its tenth anniversary, the representatives of the Russian Peasant Youth Movement attended the celebration, and Father Kerkai made a speech, in which he said: "Let us see clearly that eternal Christianity expresses also the wholly valid social truths. The time will come when Socialism will strengthen its own great truths with the Divine Truth, when the great revolutionary age can unite with the Social Church, and the finest hour of Mankind may arrive."

No Voice

Barankovics's Peoples' Party received permission from the National Committee to begin its political activities only a few days before the municipal elections in Budapest and a few weeks before the general elections. Having no local organisations, no newspaper, it could not attempt to take part in the elections. The party had to be satisfied with setting up a few candidates on the lists of the Smallholders' Party (in Hungary election is by proportional representation on country-wide party lists), thereby making it possible for several leaders of the KALOT organisation to win seats in the Hungarian Parliament. In the comparatively short-lived Parliament elected in 1946 two members, Alexander Bekhardy and Alexander Balint (both university professors), represented Barankovics's Peoples' Party, having seceded from the Smallholders' Party after their election.

Those circles who were familiar with the ideas of the Catholic hierarchy knew that according to this hierarchy there were five circumstances which determined the character of a party of Catholic ideology: (1) It must acknowledge the spiritual direction of the Church in matters of faith, morality and the problems connected with them and obey this direction; (2) it must be recognised; at least tacitly, by the authorities as such; (3) its programme must be permeated by Catholic ideology; (4) the moral and religious life of its leaders must be in harmony with the spirit and direction of the Church; (5) it must separate itself both inwardly and outwardly from tenets opposed to revealed dogma and must refrain from co-operation in matters of principle with parties and ideologies opposed to the Church.

Before the 1947 elections a semi-official Church authority began discussions about these conditions in order to provide a meeting place for the Church authorities and the Catholic masses in the elections. However, no agreement was reached during these discussions. The Catholic masses know nothing about this; they considered the statement of the Church authorities quoted above as a purely tactical gesture. Ninety per cent of the original Peoples' Party candidates were elected as representatives of Hungarian Catholicism and its long-awaited political party.

(To Be Continued Tomorrow)



That fellow you see gesticulating in front of the mirror is the Generalissimo trying to persuade himself to go back to Canton to take over the leadership of the nation again.

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You may have forgotten this one. Says Mrs. Jones to Mrs. Robinson at the concert, "That was the Prelude to Lohengrin."

"Nothing of the kind," retorted Mrs. R. "It was the Overture to Tannhauser, but the programme is on the wall—'It make sure'."

"We were both wrong," said Mrs. R., returning. "It was the Refrain from Spitting."

I hope the FBI and the witch-hunters aren't looking over my shoulder. Draw the blinds Myrtle, for this confounded typewriter will persist in writing "United States"—and sumpin' tells me, babe, dat's un-American!

"He was voted outstanding performer of the school sports as a result of his brilliant oratory in the 440-yard race in which he dethroned Roger Adams."

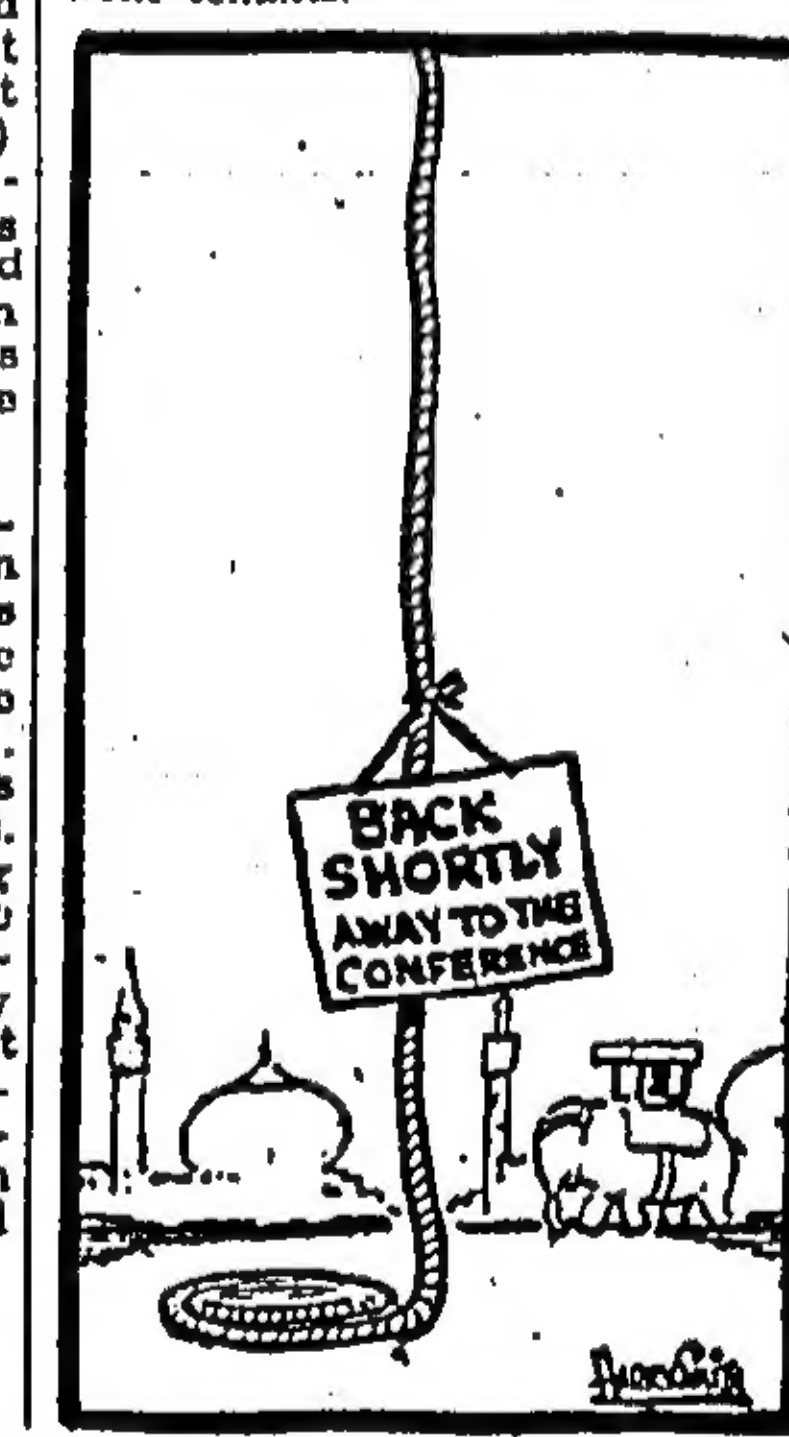
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After his bath a seven-year-old boy was being dried by his mother somewhat too efficiently for his liking.
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"In Victorian days, every meal was opened with a grace," says a clergyman.
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SETTLEMENT IN EAST Issue Brought Up At Big Four Conference JAPAN PEACE TREATY

Paris, May 23.

The whole question of the peace settlement in the Far East was surprisingly raised by the Soviet Foreign Minister, M. Andrei Vishinsky, after an agreement on the agenda at today's meeting of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

M. Vishinsky said that the Ministers should, perhaps, raise one more point which, though not concerned with the agenda of the present session, is very much in all their minds. He referred to another peace treaty—that with Japan.

The Soviet delegation, M. Vishinsky said, would like to discover when the Council of Foreign Ministers will hold its next session—with China participating—and deal with the draft treaty for Japan.

The U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, said that this is hardly a question for discussion at this time. At Potsdam, where the Council of Foreign Ministers had been set up, Japan had not been dealt with, a Far Eastern Commission exists for inter-allied discussion of the Japanese question and it is not the business of the Council of Foreign Ministers to deal with Japan at all.

He is, however, prepared to discuss M. Vishinsky's question at a later stage.

The British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, in agreeing with Mr. Acheson, said that the Commonwealth powers—Australia, New Zealand, India, Pakistan, Ceylon and Canada—are concerned with this question and all have the right to participate in its discussion.

For his part, he is not in a position to discuss it at the present time or without fresh instructions.

M. Vishinsky said that he does not propose to put his question on the agenda of the Paris meeting. They would, he said, do very well if they settle all the questions already listed, but 17 months had elapsed since the last Council of Foreign Ministers, so it is appropriate to see what problems might lie ahead for future meetings.

Empire Claim

China, M. Vishinsky argued, has not taken part in the Council's discussion of the Italian or Austrian treaties or the German and Austrian treaties because they are not of direct interest to her. But the Japanese treaty is.

Replying to Mr. Bevin's reference to the Commonwealth claim to take part in the discussions, M. Vishinsky said that naturally these countries should take part in preparing a Japanese peace treaty, but not in the preliminary phase.

This phase would consist of a meeting of the Council of Foreign Ministers with the participation of China.

M. Robert Schuman, the French Foreign Minister, from the chair, said that M. Vishinsky's question did not appear to call for a specific decision now. M. Vishinsky agreed and the first session of the Paris meeting broke up at 5.30 p.m. GMT after two and a half hours.

The four Foreign Ministers began their secret conference viewed by observers as a momentous one—on Germany at the heavily guarded Rose-Marie Palace. Scores of uniformed and plainclothes police were on duty when the "Big Four" Ministers assembled.

It is the first major attempt to try to solve the German problem on a four-power basis since December, 1947.

New Facos

Parisians gathered outside the Palace in an acacia-lined avenue to see the Foreign Ministers

arrive. They were dispersed by the police.

With the Ministers were their principal advisers. M. Vishinsky came in his usual bustling style, stepping briskly to the table and shaking hands with the American delegates, who are his neighbours at the table.

The Soviet delegation includes many faces new to observers who have attended previous meetings of the Council of Foreign Ministers. The Republic Guard in their red and blue uniforms and red-plumed steel helmets lined the Palace door and staircase as the Ministers drove up.

Thousands of onlookers strolled through the Avenue a few hundred yards away, apparently disinterested in the start of what may be one of the most decisive meetings of the Council of Foreign Ministers. Outside the main gate of the Palace, about 40 reporters and press photographers waited for the Ministers to arrive.

The Ministers, flanked by police motor cyclists, drove right up to the Palace entrance, but their advisers and experts, including Mr. John Foster Dulles and Mr. Charles E. Bohlen of the United States delegation, got out at the main gate and had to show their passes.

Agenda Agreed

Unsmiling Mr. Acheson was the first to arrive. He stepped briskly into the Palace with his principal colleague, Dr. Philip Jessup.

Mr. Bevin, with Mrs. Bevin, arrived four minutes later in a British Embassy car. Then came M. Vishinsky, his car flying a Russian Red flag with a golden hammer and sickle. M. Schuman was in the Palace before the other Ministers arrived.

After feverish activity by press photographers and newsreel men, the last journalist was ushered out of the conference room, the gilt doors were closed and the first session of the momentous conference began.

M. Vishinsky accepted an agenda proposed by the Western powers, including a discussion of the Austrian peace treaty. The Ministers agreed on a four-point agenda proposed by M. Schuman.

M. Vishinsky proposed an agenda of his own, but after discussion agreed to the Schuman proposal.

The first item on the agenda, as finally agreed to by the Ministers, was: "The problem of German unity, including economic and political principles and Allied controls."

After M. Schuman had proposed this agenda, M. Vishinsky submitted an alternative version as follows:

1.—Four-power control of Germany.

2.—Economic unity of Germany, including the conditions for its realisation.

3.—Preparation of a German peace treaty.

4.—Germany, including Berlin and the currency question.

Mr. Acheson disagreed with M. Vishinsky's proposed to discuss

RED MOVE AIMED AT MacARTHUR

Tokyo, May 24.

The Russian move in the Paris conference, calling for an early peace treaty with Japan, is viewed by diplomatic observers here as an attempt to get General MacArthur out of Japan.

Sources close to MacArthur said they had expected the Russian manoeuvre because the American occupation commander is the biggest obstacle to Communist expansion in the Far East.

They admit the move has put the Western powers in an awkward position with the Japanese people at a time when the Reds are making gains elsewhere in Asia.

United Press.

DEFENCE MEASURE

London, May 23.

A Parliamentary Bill that will speed up the mobilisation of Britain's spare-time soldiers, sailors and airmen in the event of a real or expected emergency was published today.

The Bill—entitled The Auxiliary and Reserve Forces Bill—will enable the Territorials and other categories of Auxiliaries and Reservists to be called out in an emergency for home defence without a proclamation by the King.

Under it, various auxiliary and reserve categories, after embodiment in the main forces during an emergency, will be liable for service overseas.

The Bill will institute a special section of the Royal Fleet Reserve, with liability to be called out for a limited period of service when warlike operations are in preparation or progress outside the United Kingdom.—Reuter.

retorted that in a four-power meeting, "three times as much depends on three as depends on one."

In Good Mood

A French Foreign Minister spokesman said the "atmosphere" was very favourable. "All the delegates were in a good mood," he added.

The Foreign Ministers had conferred for nearly two and a half hours at the opening session.

The next meeting of the "Big Four" Ministers will be held at 2.30 p.m. GMT tomorrow.

When Mr. Bevin came out of the Palace at the close of today's session, a reporter asked him: "Did it go well?" Mr. Bevin replied: "Very well" and got into his car.

It was decided that there would be regular press briefings after all the plenary sessions of the Conference.

M. Vishinsky came down from the conference room surrounded by his delegation and went straight to the delegation's office inside the Palace. Through a spokesman, M. Vishinsky said the Soviet delegation "is not pessimistic about the outcome of the conference."—Reuter.

Foochow Looks Into The Future Calmly

(Exclusive To "China Mail")

We print below extracts from a letter just received from a European exporter in Foochow, giving his considered opinion of the probable effect of Chinese Communism on the famous tea port, and throughout Fukien.

The writer is Mr. Wm. M. S. Brand, author of the articles on Foochow's past and present now appearing in the "Sunday Herald." As he has spent a lifetime there, his comments are worthy of consideration.

While the future is pregnant with possibilities, I am of the opinion it will prove that we here will be luckier than many elsewhere; but they have had ample warning from their respective organisations and consular authorities, and if they choose to remain they have only themselves to blame if their treatment should prove rough.

We business foreigners are but a trifling handful and with one exception (Hawke of Ewo) are residents of long standing; secondly, there is no concession here. I predict that if a change occurs it will be a peaceful turnover.

This part of China has never in its history been 100 per cent with the North or the South, but has secretly desired its own independence with that of Taiwan, which island it claims by race, customs and habits is an integral part of the mainland (Fukien). Under both the Emperors and the Republic this part of China never received the attention it should have done, so if now it desires to taste a manner of fresh government it is purely an affair of their own.

Broader View

Indeed, knowing the local inhabitant as well as I do, despite his faults, he is peace-loving, hard-working and a great scholar. And this may be the opportunity for him to gain independence and a representative seat with sufficient voice in whatever form of government is to follow, and as likely as not, he will welcome the views and co-operation of those foreigners who have spent a lifetime within the borders of the province.

Taking the broader view, I, for one, do not for a moment imagine that the country as a whole is turning over completely to Communism in the sense we are wont to apply to Western Europe for instance. To my mind it is rather a purely Chinese form of radical reform, social and political, perhaps more the latter than the former; for I cannot see pure Communism in 150 years taking the place of Filial Piety ingrained from time immemorial.

Were I writing from some other province it is possible I could not do so in the same sun will to-morrow.

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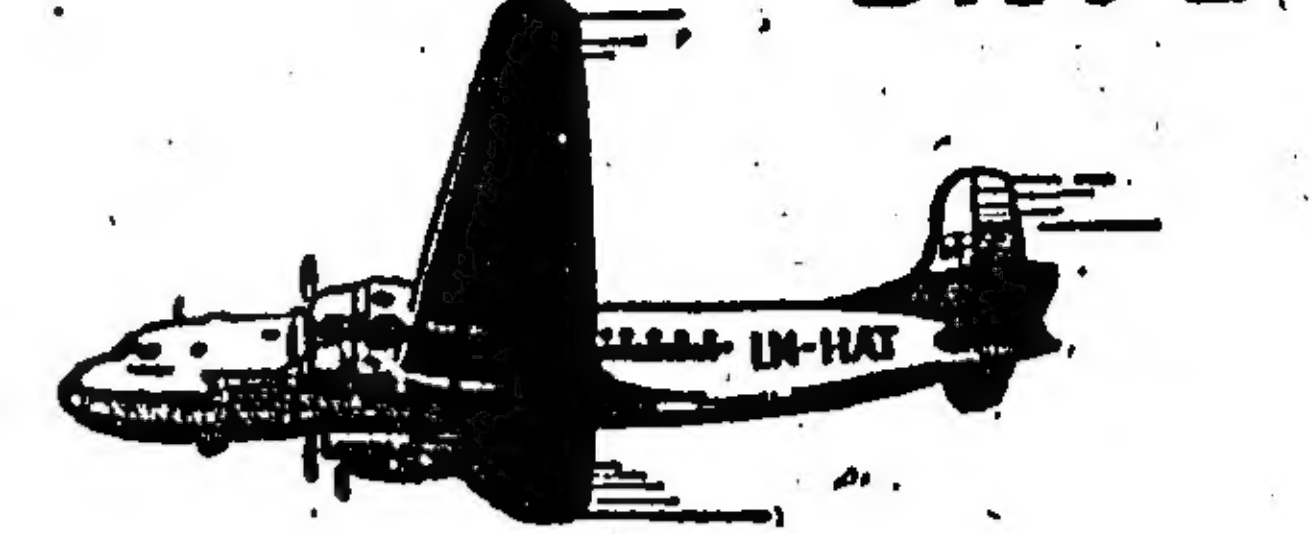
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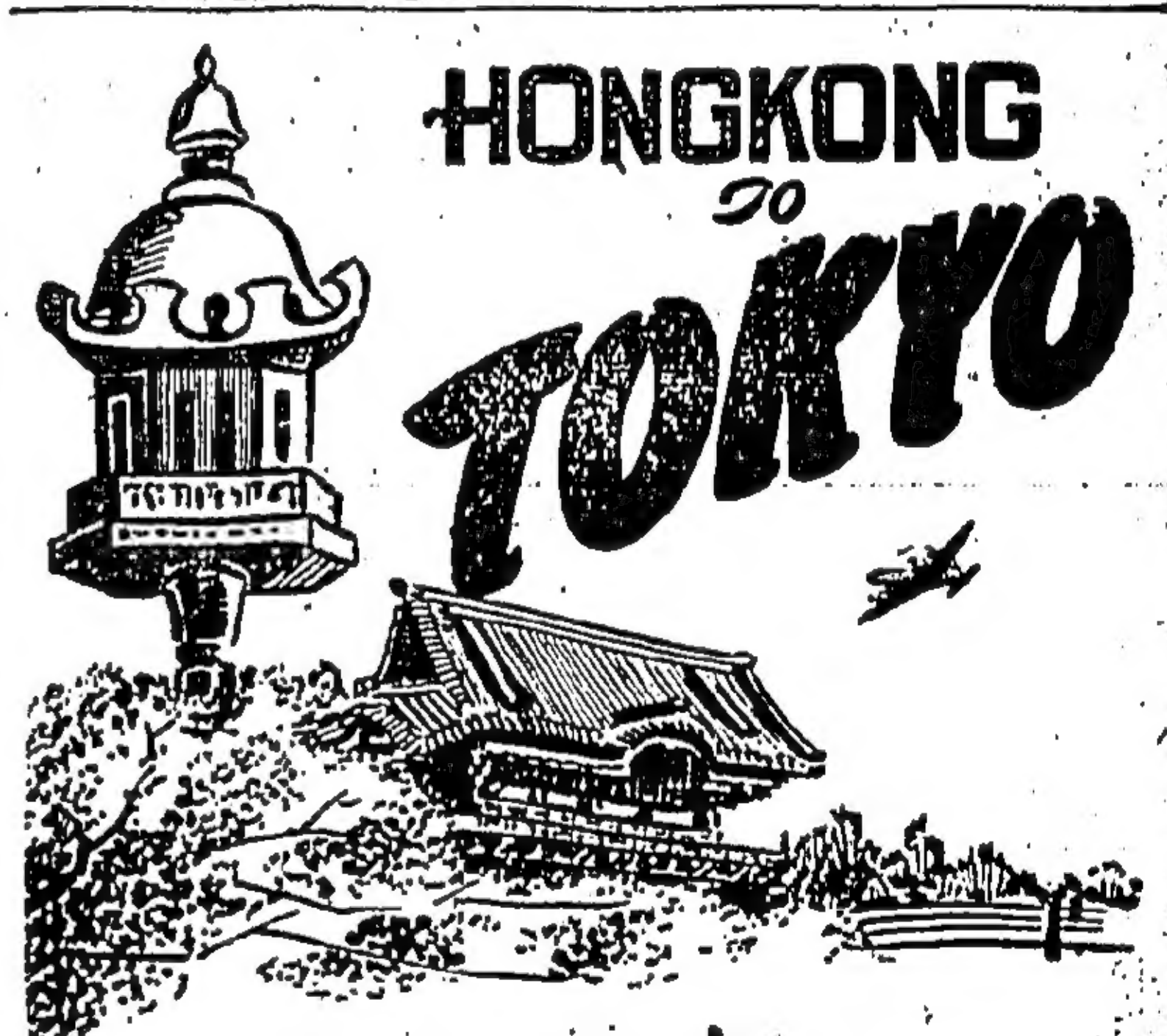
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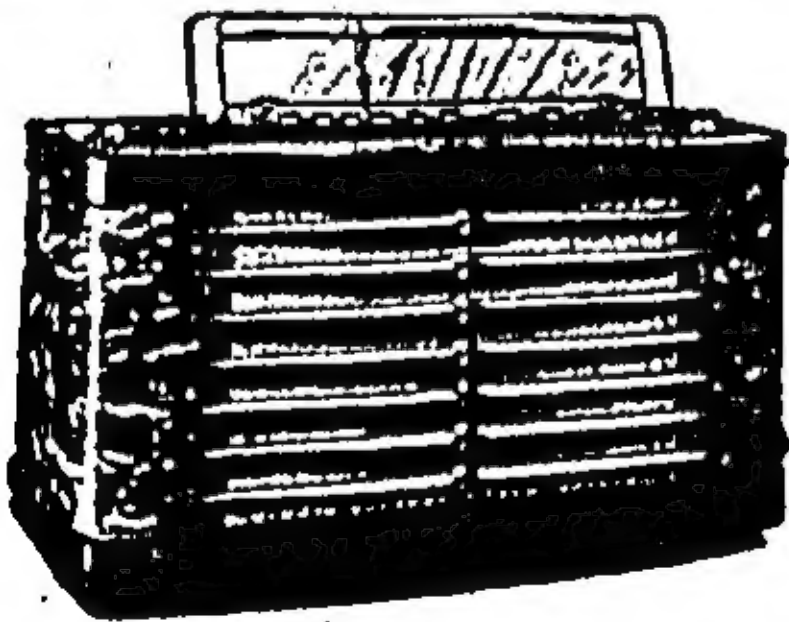
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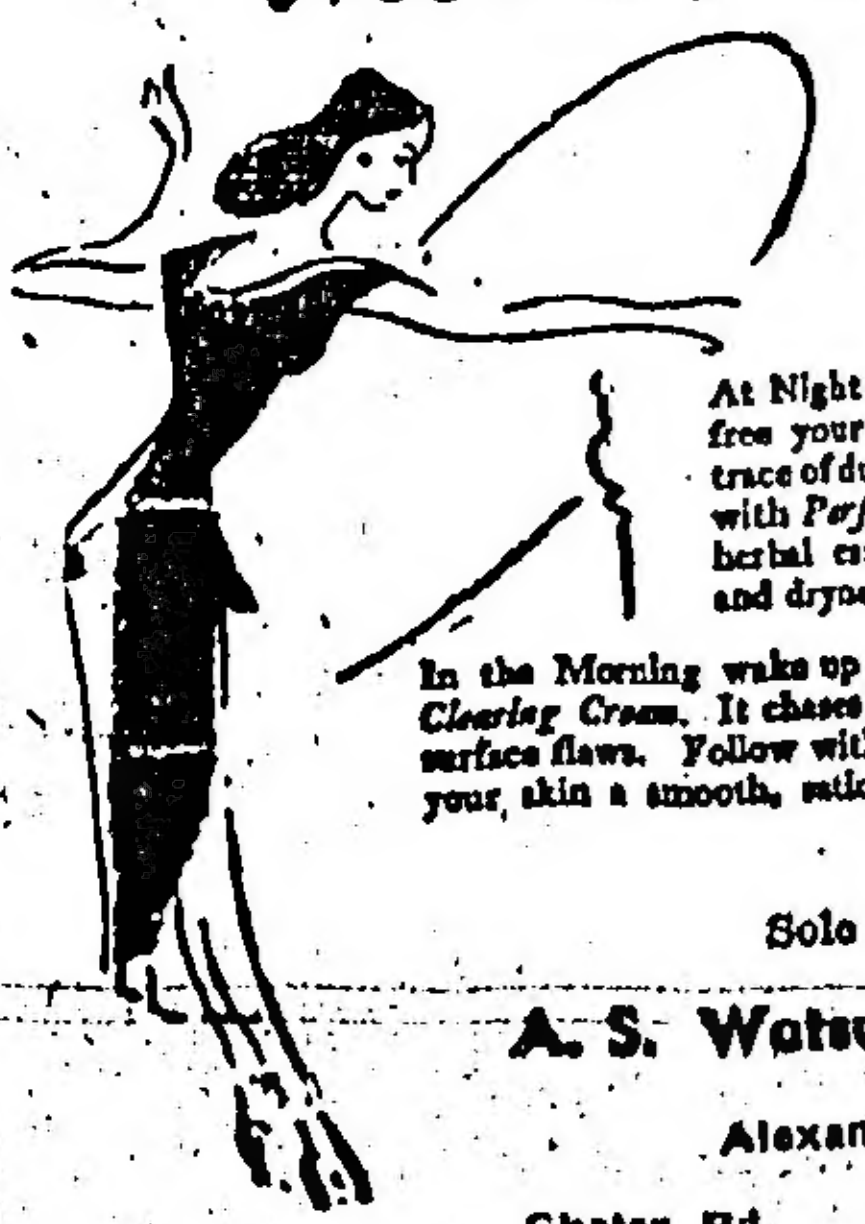
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Woman Today

MEN MAKE THE BETTER HOSTS, WOMAN MAINTAINS

By INGRID ETTER

What views on women careerists would you expect from a business woman veteran of 40 years' standing?

Mrs. Mary I. Fisher, 69-year-old widow, has for many years been the only woman wholesale wine and liquor shipper in Britain, as head of a firm built up by her father and grandfather.

But hush to extreme feminists who might pick her as an example of success in the harsh, competitive world of today. Mrs. Fisher does not even believe in Equal Pay, let alone in the equality of the sexes. "The average woman," she says, "is not as good as a man in business or factory work. She is an excellent 'lieutenant,' but seldom rises to the same heights."

Failures

In business, according to Mrs. Fisher, women executives often fail on the social side.

"Women," she told me, "are seldom as good hosts as men on a large scale. They do not pay enough attention to ordering a meal. No masculine host would dismiss such a matter so lightly."

"In a restaurant they do not know how to obtain attention from waiters—and they do not know how to tip."

"As for not obtaining good service in restaurants women have brought that on themselves. How? By years of under-tipping and the inability to make up their minds as to what they want."

"They will change their minds twice or three times, recant and finally decide on the first suggestion."

You do not necessarily have to be a good cook yourself, in Mrs. Fisher's opinion, to understand food. But you must enjoy eating and have at least a technical knowledge of the subject, plus an appreciation of masculine taste.

"Many English people," she says, "feel there is something infra dig in paying much attention to such a mundane matter as eating. To them it means just greediness."

With a disparaging shrug of her slim shoulder she adds: "I know one woman who remarked to me, 'I wish I could swallow a pill every morning containing all the vitamins and nourishment needed for the day.'"

For a small dinner party Mrs. Fisher always tries to choose a menu fairly neutral in taste that will be liked by most people.

Few business women, she has found, have the bold and imaginative outlook of their masculine counterparts.

When she started as an "outsider" in a man's world—when skirts were even longer and waists smaller than today—when she took over from her father before the First World War.

"My first impression was that all the men in my father's office wanted to prevent me finding out anything at all about the way a business is run," she smiled.

Disgrace

"Then it was considered so disgraceful for a woman to work that my favourite aunt hardly spoke to me again after I disgraced her warning."

Besides trading in rare liquors in every country except those behind the Iron Curtain, Mrs. Fisher is an expert in another field usually considered man's prerogative.

She is believed to be the only woman liquor and wine taster in the world.

Queer orders sometimes reach Mrs. Fisher's firm. But the firm prides itself on supplying any liquor, however odd, if it exists in Europe.

One of the strangest she recalls was a request for Kouanis. It fell through.

Kouanis turned out to be a beverage of asses' milk.

Even then Mrs. Fisher nearly managed to supply her customers. She found one London dairy which used to have asses' milk till the 1914-1918 war. Then the demand ceased.

Another recent unusual request was for a Greek liqueur called Ouzo, or Ousleco.

Continental experts in distilleries and vineyards first greeted this slender, quiet-voiced Englishwoman with ironic surprise. "Mais quel! A woman—and an Englishwoman at that—venturing to be a specialist in liqueurs! But what was the world arriving at? Incredible!"

They Buy A Hat To Throw Away

By CHRISTINE VEASEY

New York has become the most hat-conscious city in the world. Women buy a hat as they buy a loaf of bread.

They wear it a few times and then throw it away. You can buy an attractive hat from a dollar fifty, so this is not quite so crazy.

Besides, those hats have certainly got something. At the moment most women are choosing little hats, very often just a wisp of tulle topped by a cluster of flowers, or a gay bandana of ribbon.

YOUNG FASHIONS. — Merop Hall, who designs for millions of children in U.S., was first inspired to enter the field of design by her small son Jos. When he was a wriggler, she told me, she designed garments that buttoned at the back. When he was a floor-crawler, she designed draught-proof clothes—which shows what it is to have a practical mother.

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RECIPE

Mushrooms With Tomato On Toast

1/2 lb. mushrooms, 4 tomatoes, salt, pepper, 1 tablespoon shortening, 1/2 teaspoon sugar, sliced hot buttered toast.

Stem and peel the mushrooms. Place half the shortening in a pan and when melted, add the mushrooms, salt and pepper. Cover and cook very gently for five minutes.

Cut the tomatoes into quarters, melt remainder of shortening in a saucepan. Add the tomatoes, salt, pepper and sugar.

Cook gently until the tomatoes are tender. Add the mushrooms, mix evenly and serve on slices of hot buttered toast, garnish with parsley.

Children's Frocks



Children's party frocks by the London designers combine charm with practical qualities. Here are two models of picture-book charm. Left, a Dorraine dress in white dotted organdy with a slashed hem-line simulating an over-skirt and actually filled in with frills. The two bows at the point of the curve and at the neckline are attractive features. Right, an Alice-in-Wonderland frock for an older girl by the same designer. In white tulle the off-shoulder neckline is reminiscent of a Tenniel drawing.

Party Time For Children

Come on—give them a party!

"Oh! No... not this year... Children's parties are murder... Umm? Well, darling, if it's only for your form, and you really WILL be content with buns and lemonade..."

And there you are, right in it up to the neck! Because, of course, it turns out that the "form" is 16 strong, and plain buns do look a bit dull! However, don't despair; put your hot little hand in ours and we will give you a few suggestions.

The parties for babies from almost zero up to seven years old are not so difficult.

Little children seldom eat very much tea. Very small jam sandwiches, a plain sponge with chocolate icing, little honey or jam tarts and icecream—will be fine for them.

For games, the good old stand-bys such as "Wits in May" or "Oranges and Lemons" never fail. An excellent new game for people about three years old is this—call it "Squirrels!" Hide in fairly obvious and accessible places round the room (hallway and lower stairs too if you like) a number of cobnuts.

Give each child a paper bag, and say that whoever collects the most in ten minutes gets a prize. These babies can't count, but they enjoy the hunt because they keep finding something! (Put your best ornaments out of reach!)

It is the older children who need the effort—which is all right if you are prepared. First, expect them at precisely the hour specified, if not before! To children a late appearance is not elegant, it's

merely a shocking waste of time. One game before tea helps to break the ice. And, if they don't all come from the same school, it also OBLIGES them to speak to each other.

When the average age of the party is about 11 these characters will be hungry. They don't ask miracles, and the clue to success lies in two words, "pink" and "chocolate." It's easy to put pink icing on jam-filled buns, and a little margarine and cocoa-powder added to icing sugar does well for chocolate icing.

While the food settles inside, a good game is "Camouflage." Earlier in the day you have hidden round the room ten very familiar objects, such as a pencil, scissors, lipstick, etc. These you list clearly on as many slips as there are guests, describing where necessary—"a yellow pencil," "a gold lipstick." Give each child a pencil too.

Then you tell them the objects listed are all around them. Clearly visible without need to touch or move anything. They must quietly tick off each item as spotted. A prize for the first complete list.

The trick is that you camouflage the objects; a pencil stands in a vase of flowers, the lipstick vanishes when placed on a brass fire-iron, scissors in the keyhole.

Do give them a refreshing ice-cream or cold drink at the end... and DO have a party. If you know it's an awful lot of trouble, but it's a lot of fun too.

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TWO DEAD IN RIOT IN BRITISH SECTOR

DANGER OF CIVIL CONFLICT

London, May 23. The implications of the Berlin strike situation for the future of Germany have caused some concern in the British Foreign Office.

The situation in Berlin's stations last week-end, when Western sector strikers found themselves in opposition to armed police from the Soviet sector, strengthened the argument that any solution of the German problem which leaves armed police in the East facing unarmed police in the West would be very dangerous for the new West German State proclaimed at Bonn today.

This is the very danger which West German politicians impressed on Mr. Ernest Bevin, the British Foreign Secretary, when he visited the Western zones earlier this month just after the lifting of the Berlin blockade.

Dr. Kurt Schumacher, German Social Democrat leader, and other West German politicians emphasised to Mr. Bevin the danger of a situation in which the Western Powers might withdraw their occupation forces and leave unarmed West German states facing a well armed gendarmery in Eastern Germany.

Asked today whether it is legal for Eastern sector police to carry small arms, a Foreign Office spokesman said that there is no four-Power agreement forbidding the arming of German police.

The most serious aspect of the situation—and one which will undoubtedly influence Mr. Bevin's attitude at the Paris meeting of the Foreign Ministers' Council—is the evidence that civil war is latent in the German situation and that Western Germany is less well equipped for such an eventuality than Eastern Germany.—Reuter.

ATOM CHIEF UNDER FIRE

Washington, May 23. A Congressional investigation was ordered today into allegations against Mr. David Lilienthal of "incredible mismanagement" of America's atom programme.

Mr. Lilienthal has been Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission for many years, and was appointed only after a bitter Senate battle. An investigation by a Congress Committee has been concerned with the award of atomic education grants to a Communist and others not given "security clearance."

Senator Bourke Hickenlooper (Republican, Iowa), who earlier made the "mismanagement" allegation, had bluntly demanded that Mr. Lilienthal be dismissed.

Mr. Lilienthal has described Mr. Hickenlooper's blast "a vague and ungenerous wholesale indictment." He said that he is willing to stand on the Commission's record.—Reuter.

Flying Grandma Reported Safe

Tehran, May 23. Madame Andree Dupeyron, French flyer believed missing yesterday after taking off from a forced landing in East Persia, is today reported to be safe and in good health at Abadan, Persian oil centre of the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company and her plane is being repaired by the Company's mechanics. She will leave for home soon.

Madame Dupeyron, a grandmother, aged 47, failed in an attempt to set up a "straight line" long distance record to Karachi from Southern France.—Reuter.

Berlin, May 23. Two were killed and several others wounded tonight when striking Berlin railwaymen attempted to storm the British sector Zoo Station which was defended by several hundred railway policemen from the Soviet zone.

The Zoo Station, for the past 48 hours firmly in the hands of a strong "garrison" of Soviet-controlled railway police, has been one of the main targets of the strikers from the beginning. During the afternoon the Station, which was surrounded by a cordon of West sector city police, was besieged by a crowd of strikers and sympathisers.

At 7.30 p.m. the crowd—estimated at 2,500—started to move through the cordon of West sector city police and finally broke into the Station building where armed railway police had taken up positions. It was when the first hundred strikers crashed through the entrance that railway policemen opened fire.

For about 20 minutes the large Station hall was the scene of the bitter fighting since the strike began three days ago.

Railway policemen and strikers tangled on the stone floor of the hall. Pistols, rifles and truncheons were thrown around as civilians and railway police fought with their fists. Stones were thrown and some policemen fired when the crowd rushed up and engulfed them.

Earlier, the three Western Berlin Commandants had rejected a request from the Western Magistrate (Administration) that its own police be allowed to take over Western sector railway stations from the Soviet sector police.

Increases Danger

They added, however, that prompt permission would be given for the Western police to intervene if a breach of the peace occurred.

Soviet sector police occupied the stations yesterday after battles with striking Western sector railway workers.

The Communists' decision, announced in a letter, followed a meeting of the Magistrat this morning when the Administration said that the mere presence of East sector police at the strike-bound overhead railway installations increased the danger to peace and order.

The Magistrat urged that the take-over should have Western Allied support if necessary, since the installations had been occupied to a considerable extent by heavily armed police disguised as railway police.

The Magistrat said it believes that security and order are seriously menaced by the strike which had tied up city transport since the early hours of Saturday and frequently flared up into violence and shooting.

All was quiet on the "Railway Front" at 1 p.m. Western police headquarters stated. The "only recorded incident during the night was an attempt by a crowd of about 300, led by Soviet-controlled railway police, to storm Charlottenburg Station in the British sector at about 3 a.m.

Strike Denial

Western Police, who had occupied the Station on British orders yesterday, beat off the attackers in repeated baton charges.

More than half the main overhead railway stations in the Western sectors were still firmly in the hands of the Soviet-controlled police early today. At Wannsee Station in the American sector they were supported by 29 armed Russian soldiers, Western police headquarters reported.

Berlin Eastern police headquarters today reported two incidents on their sector's overhead railway, which was running fairly normally.

The headquarters of the West Berlin Independent Trade Union Organisation (UGO) discounted reports that a general strike to support the West Berlin railwaymen is imminent.

The British military train service to and from Berlin, suspended on Saturday and Sunday because of the strike, was resumed today.—Reuter.

MISSING BARONET IN PUB

Worcester, May 24.

Norman serves beer and whiskies at the Star Hotel here just like any other white-coated bartender.

But on Monday morning he learned that there is something special about him. He is Sir Norman Hamilton Pringle, one of England's 13 missing baronets.

The editors of Burke's Peerage, which keeps a check on the aristocracy, recently said they had lost track of 10.

"I have never tried to hide myself," laughed Sir Norman. "True I have knocked about the world a good deal."

After the war, he said, he got the idea of going into the hotel business. "I wrote to the manager here and he fixed me up in this position. My aim is to obtain a job as manager of a country hotel but before doing so I want to get experience."

Two other Peers turned up lately. Sir John Henry Dunn, aged 58, son of a former Lord Mayor of London, turned up checking coal trucks as they came from an open pit mine near Barnsley.

And Sir John Chubb, second Baron Stonehouse, was found living secluded in a flat near the English Channel.—Associated Press.

Majority Behind Nehru's Decision

London, May 23.

Mr. S. K. Patil, Mayor of Bombay, said today that 90 per cent of the people of India are behind Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, the Prime Minister of India, in the happy understanding established recently at Commonwealth Conference.

Mr. Patil was speaking at a luncheon given in his honour by the Indian Journalists Association which was attended by Mr. V. N. Krishna Menon, High Commissioner for India, the Mayor of Islington (a North London borough) and Mr. Reginald Sorensen, member of Parliament.

Mr. Patil said that the atmosphere in which the Commonwealth agreement was reached is a happy augury of the future relations between India and Britain.

"We in India have much to learn from Britain, but may I tell my British friends that Britain also has a good deal to learn from India, to make the new Commonwealth a success?" said Mr. Patil. "The past will lead the two countries to closer and more cordial relations in the future," he added.

Mr. A. E. Smith, Mayor of Islington, endorsed Mr. Patil's views that a democratic government can only succeed if it is rooted in a strong local self-government. He said that if he has his way he would insist that every member of Parliament would go through a borough council for at least three years.

Mr. B. P. Sabavala, a former Mayor of Bombay, said that the graceful way in which Britain quit India was really an asset in that she had been able to retain the friendship of India.

PROCLAMATION OF REPUBLIC IN WESTERN GERMANY

Bonn, May 23.

Members of Western Germany's Constituent Assembly many with tears in their eyes, today solemnly proclaimed the Constitution of the new West German Federal Republic.

Assembly members began putting their signatures on the formal document, dipping their pens into a golden ink-pot held by two massive eagles, at the moment when the "Big Four" Foreign Ministers opened their momentous Paris conference on Germany.

Then, in the flag-decked Assembly Hall the members rose and sang the Anthem "I have given myself with heart and hand to the country of life and love, my German Fatherland."

Only the two Communists among the 65 members refused to sign the document, showing that the new Republic's Basic Law had been passed.

The Minister-Presidents and Parliamentary Presidents of the West German States, including Bavaria which has rejected the Basic Law, then signed to attest the vote of their Parliaments.

The proclamation speech was made by Dr. Conrad Adenauer, President of the Assembly.

New Germany

He spoke of a new epoch beginning in the history of the German people, but his speech contained this appeal. "If the Allied dismantling policy is carried out as now decided, then the political building of a new German democracy will be seriously imperilled."

"We ask the responsible Allied authorities to look at this question not only from an economic but primarily from a political point of view."

Dr. Adenauer added: "He who has consciously lived through the years after 1933 and through the collapse of 1945 when all German statehood disappeared cannot think without emotion that today a new Germany will arise."

The Western Powers were represented by their Deputy Military Governors.—Reuter.

RISK TO STEEL BILL

London, May 23.

Britain's most fiercely-contested Socialist measure, the Iron and Steel Nationalisation Bill, runs the risk of a long "freeze" when it comes before the House of Lords for its second reading on Wednesday and Thursday.

The Opposition leader, Mr. Winston Churchill, has already pledged the Conservatives to throw out iron and steel nationalisation if his Party is returned to power next year.

Labour quarters believe that in the meantime the Conservatives, who dominate the House of Lords, will hold up the passing of legislation until the last moment in the present Parliament by using delaying powers. But they cannot prevent the Bill from eventually passing into law, for the Government's Parliament Bill, which will be enacted this year, will cut the Peers' powers of delaying from two years to one, and will operate retroactively.

This means that the Bill, if blocked by the Lords from now onwards, will appear on the Statute-book regardless of the House of Lords' disapproval—before a General Election in June 1950. Opposition Peers have not yet disclosed whether they have in fact decided to use 100 per cent delaying tactics.—Reuter.

BRITISH FILM WRITER DEAD

Hollywood Hills, May 23.

Hollywood today mourned the death of Charles Gordon Booth, aged 53, who won the Screen Guild Academy award as a scenario writer and author. A native of Manchester, England, he died yesterday after an illness of two months.

He began his film career in 1936 when his novel "The General Died at Dawn" was filmed. He won an "Oscar" two years ago for his original screen story, "The House on 92nd Street."—United Press.



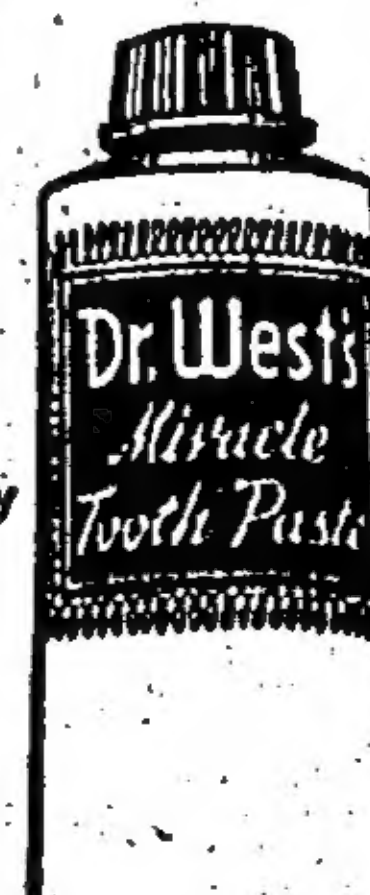
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TEEN AGE TOPICS

Rediffusion To Play Teen Ager's Choice

(By "THE WREN")

Rediffusion will broadcast selections from some of the "Platter Chatter" Poll winners' Ideal Programme on Friday, May 27, beginning at 9 p.m. for half an hour.

Mr. Frank Harris of Rediffusion informed the Topics that a teen agers' programme will be set for next week when the Poll winners will feature in the programme as disc jockeys. Those taking part will be informed by letter from the Topics' Editor of all arrangements.

Meanwhile, we were also informed that Mr. Harris is at present working to fit into his broadcast, a regular weekly teen agers' programme. This will be announced later when teen agers will be invited to send in their requests.

For Friday's half hour, the following discs have been chosen:

THE WORLD IS WAITING FOR THE SUNRISE—Benny Goodman Sextette (Mel Powell, piano).

IT MUST BE TRUE—Bing Crosby and The Music Makers.

BUTTONS AND BOWS—Dinah Shore and her Happy Valley Boys.

ALICE BLUE GOWN—Glenn Miller and his Orchestra.

DUKE'S MIXTURE—Harry James and his Orchestra.

SAY SOMETHING SWEET TO YOUR SWEETHEART—Jo Stafford and Gordon MacRae with The Starlighters.

SULTRY SUNSET—Duke Ellington and his Orchestra (featuring Johnny Hodges on Alto Sax).

THAT OLD FEELING—Peggy Lee and The Capitol Jazzmen. Time permitting, the last record will be NEA FOR TWO—Joe Venuti, violin.

Next week, teen agers who figured prominently in the Ideal Programme competition will be invited to Rediffusion's studios to act as disc-jockeys.

Excellent Oldies

REVIVALS: Out of the evils of last year's recording ban some good has come in the revival of several excellent oldies which were neglected through the years.

We must not, however, confuse the resurrected tunes with the songs which because of their insubstantial quality have never been out of the picture.

I append a short list of tunes which have been recorded many times since first attracting attention. These are songs which will go down to posterity and hardly a day goes by without their being played somewhere as jazz or dance music.

Idn, Sweet As Apple Cider (1933).

Shine On Harvest Moon (1930). Some of These Days (1910). My Melancholy Baby (1910). You Made Me Love You (1913). St. Louis Blues (1914). Missouri Waltz (1914). Nola (1916). Darktown Strutters' Ball (1917). My Blue Heaven (1927). Body and Soul (1930).

Begin The Beguine

The dates given are not necessarily the year of composition but rather the year in which the tune attained universal popularity. As in the case of Begin the Beguine, this was written by Cole Porter many years before Artie Shaw revived it in 1935 to become an all-time hit.

Star Dust has just celebrated its twenty-first birthday and is undoubtedly the tune most heard and played in the last decade.

Two Latin-Americans, Marna Inez and Siboney, are still very active after having been in business for 20 years.

The year 1946 was a good one and perhaps, in 1970, we will still hear To Each His Own, Symphony, Five Minutes More, I Can't Begin to Tell You and Laughing On the Outside.

I am quite certain that Star Dust, Night and Day (1932), Begin the Beguine and a host of others will still be popular in the next century.

New trends notwithstanding, After You've Gone will continue to be played after you've gone.

Readers' Letters

May I add a little suggestion? We are interested in the Teen Age Topics and read each issue that comes out. But we would like to have the whole page like the "Children's Herald" with comics like Patsy Walker or Archie with some sketches and so on.

A pen friend column will also be an excellent idea I think since each teen age personality has mentioned that he or she has dozens of pen friends.

I hope you would appreciate my suggestion. I shall do my best to help. Good luck!

(Thank you very much for your letter and suggestion. Clara. I shall also try and see what can be done.—Ed.)

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Britain's leading uranium prospector has some unexpected allies. They are schoolboys.

Usually they are very intelligent young men, but they can be a mixed blessing.

These days, instead of old-fashioned subjects like motorcars, railway engines, or even flying, your 1949 schoolboy is interested in atomic energy and its potentialities.

They read treatises and even boys' fiction, in which are given accounts of various ores from which atomic energy has emerged.

Then, fired with enthusiasm, they become amateur prospectors. Usually they make a trip to a quarry near their homes and begin a search. Often their eyes alight on a likely piece of material—and off by post goes another sample of slate or slag to be analysed by the Atomic Energy Division of the Geological Survey and Museum in South Kensington, S.W.7.

Every day at least five samples of ore, believed to have a high uranium content, are sent to the Atomic Energy Division.

The team of scientists who analyse specimens and test them for radio-activity are not very hopeful about those collected in the British Isles.

Ninety-nine per cent of Britain has already been surveyed, and small deposits of uranium are known to exist, but at the price currently offered by the Ministry of Supply it is not an economic proposition to mine these thin deposits.

But deposits found abroad are a different proposition. Since the uranium hunt began in earnest in 1942—the year the atom bomb first appeared—the Ministry of Supply has thrown a security cloak around uranium deposits found abroad.

Britain's leading atom geologist, who travels abroad a good deal and would not reveal his name for "obvious reasons," had this to say of recent uranium discoveries abroad:

"I am telling no secrets when I say that recently we have found some most useful deposits in new spots abroad which though not nearly so high-grade as ore mined from the Belgian Congo—the finest in the world—are a good source of supply."

On his desk lay the rough draft of a 28-page "prospector's handbook," which is to be issued next month to those abroad seeking uranium.

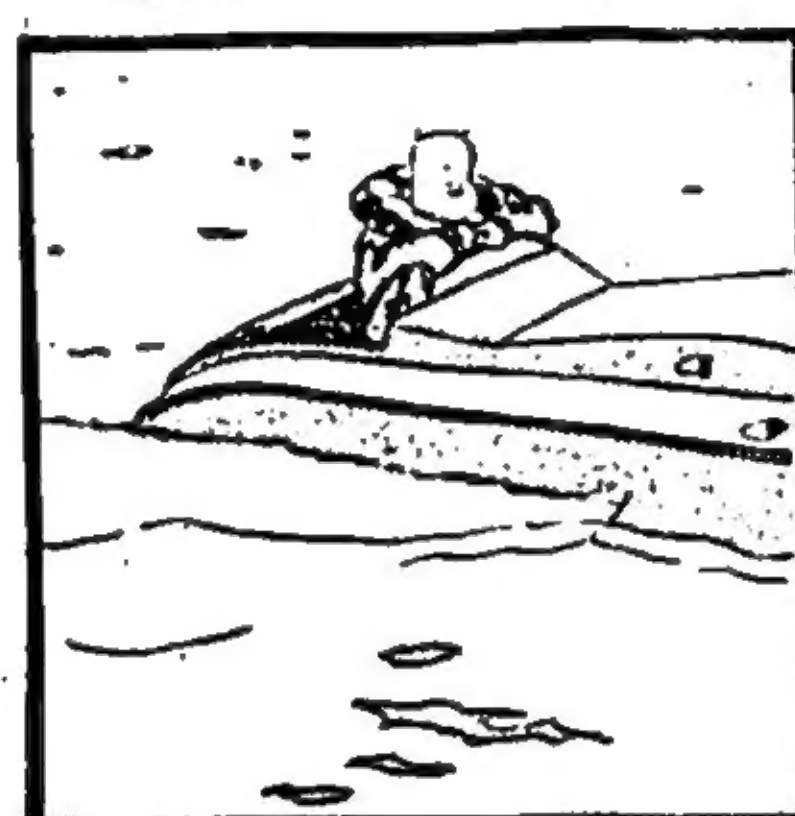
"But the men who make a success of prospecting will not be the old rough-neck type of gold or diamond miner," he explained. "Seeking uranium is a science for which a high degree of informed background is necessary."

He told me how atomic energy geologists laughed recently when they read a report that uranium had been discovered on Darlmoor.

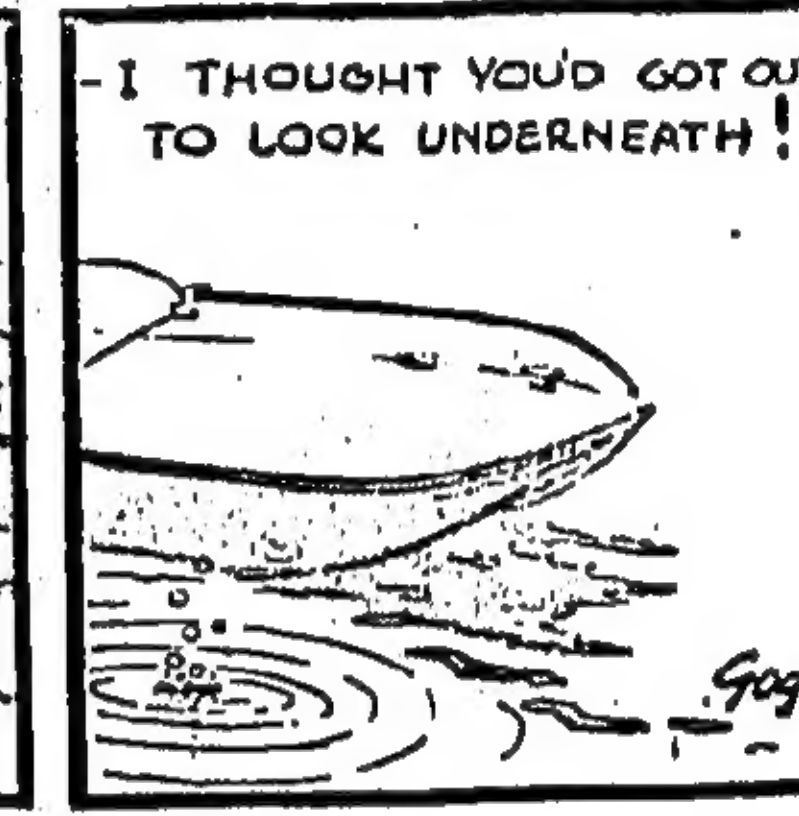
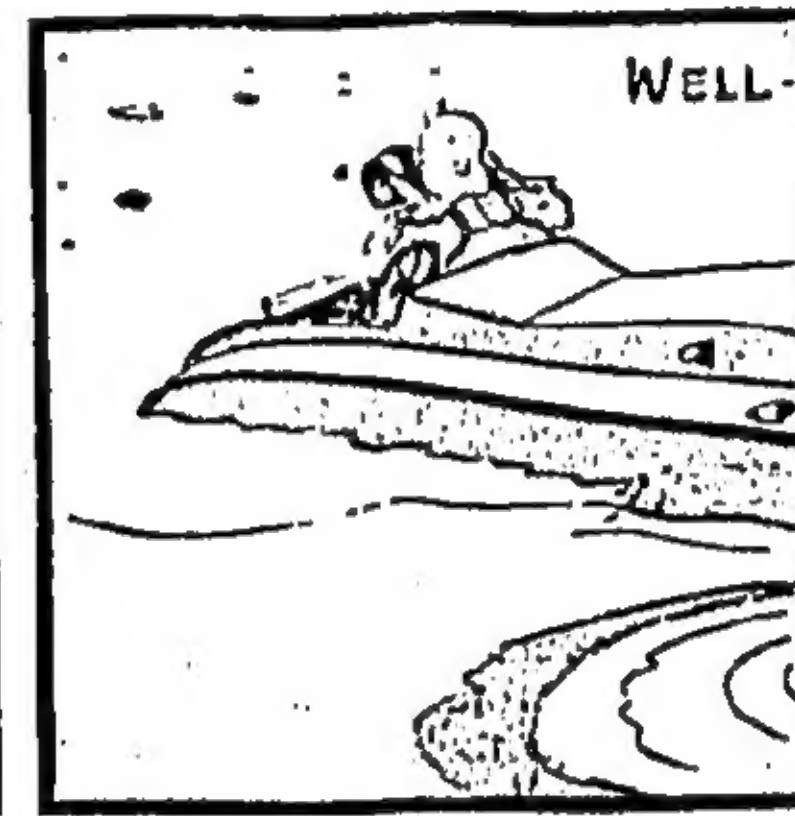
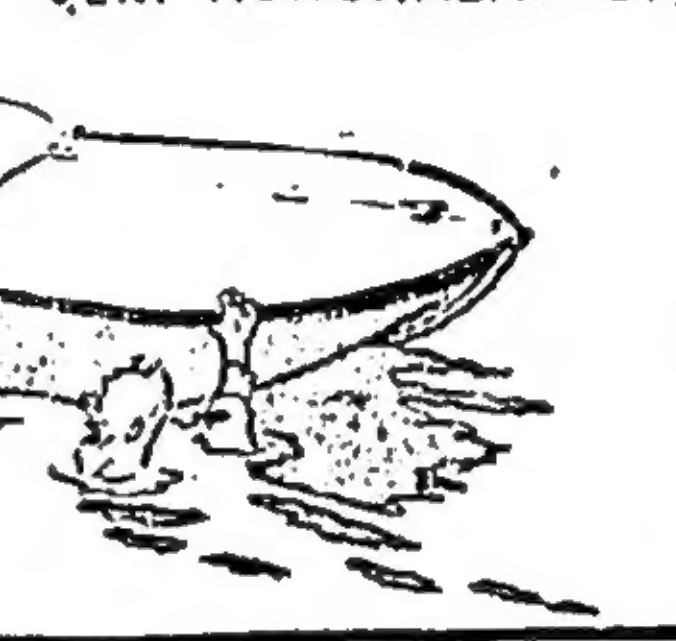
"We knew it was there 20 years ago," he said, "but deposits are so small they are not an economic proposition."

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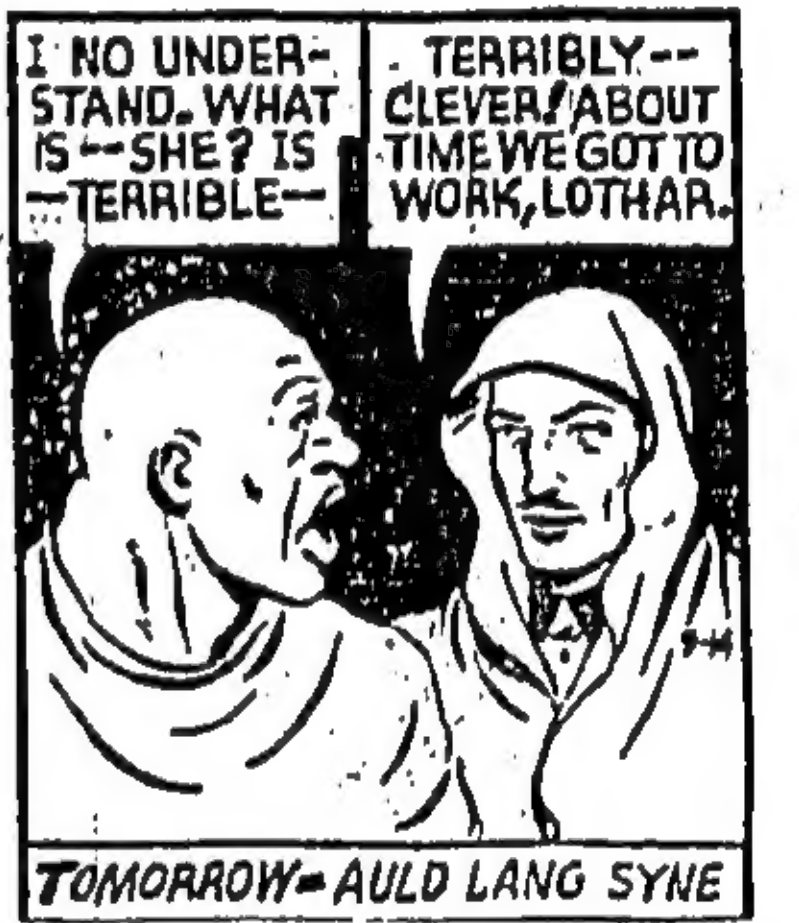
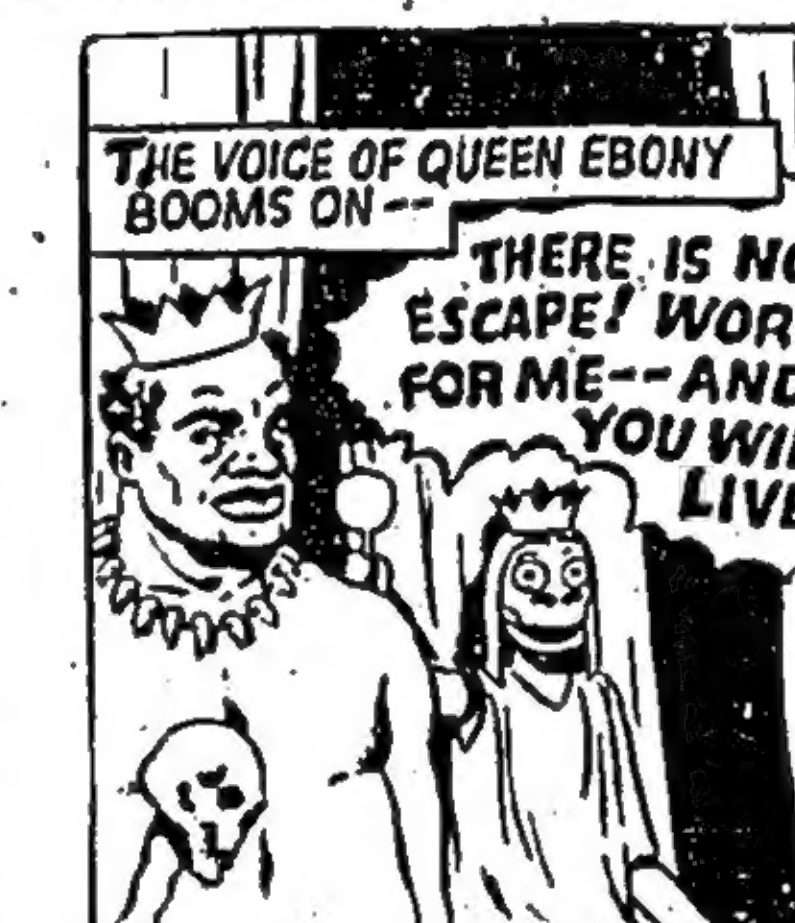
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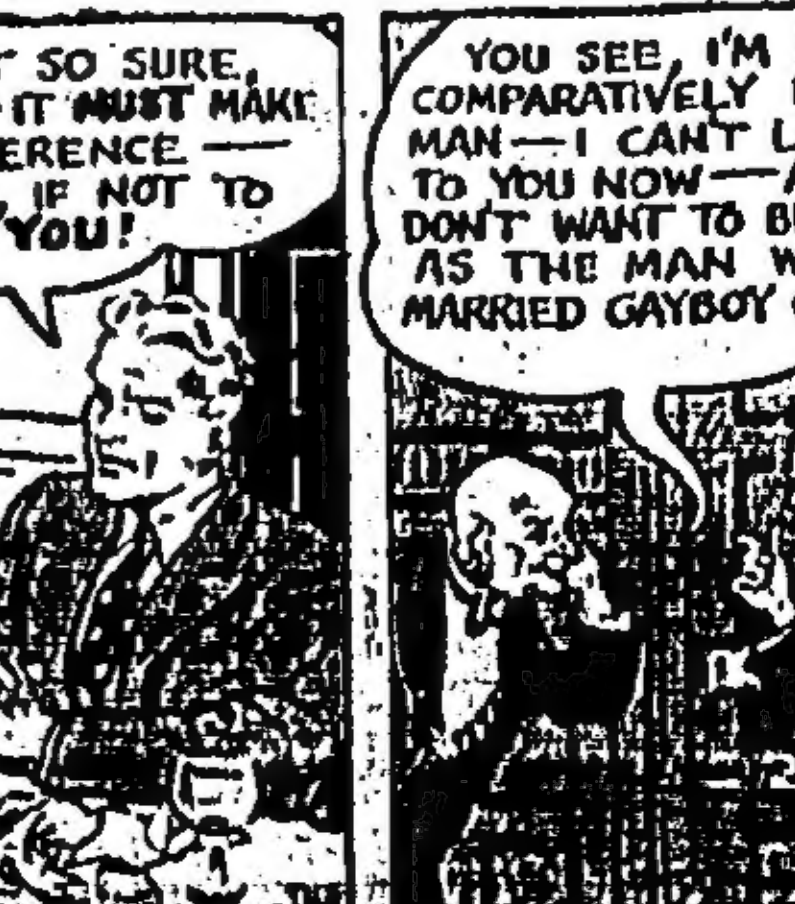
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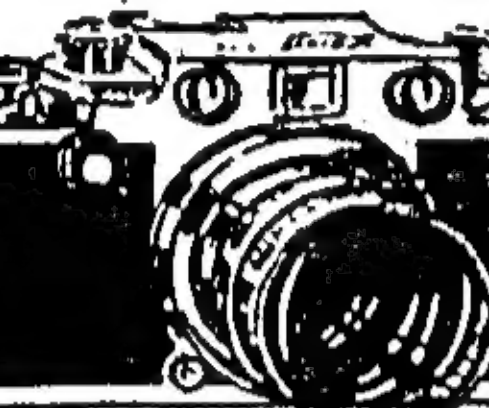
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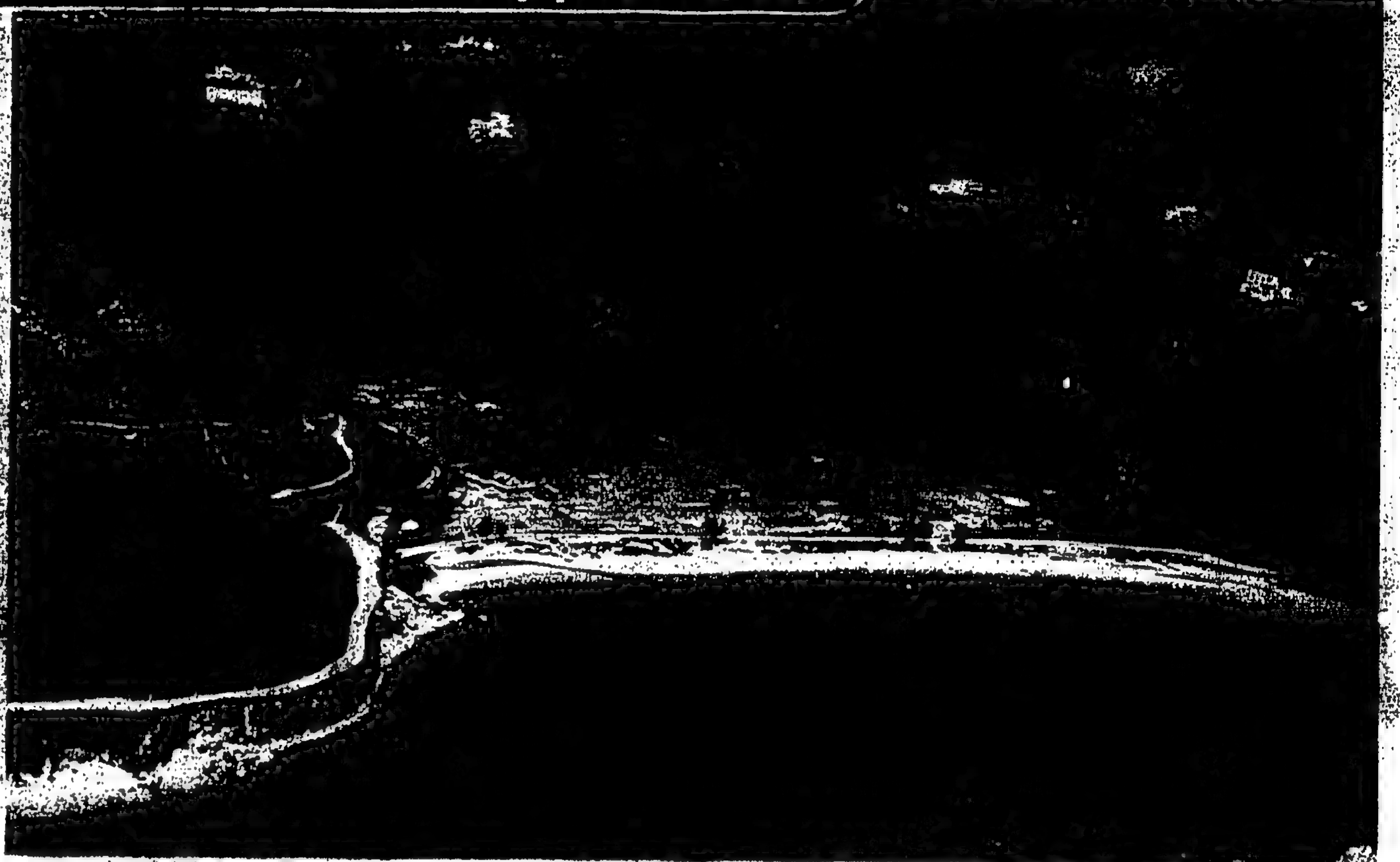
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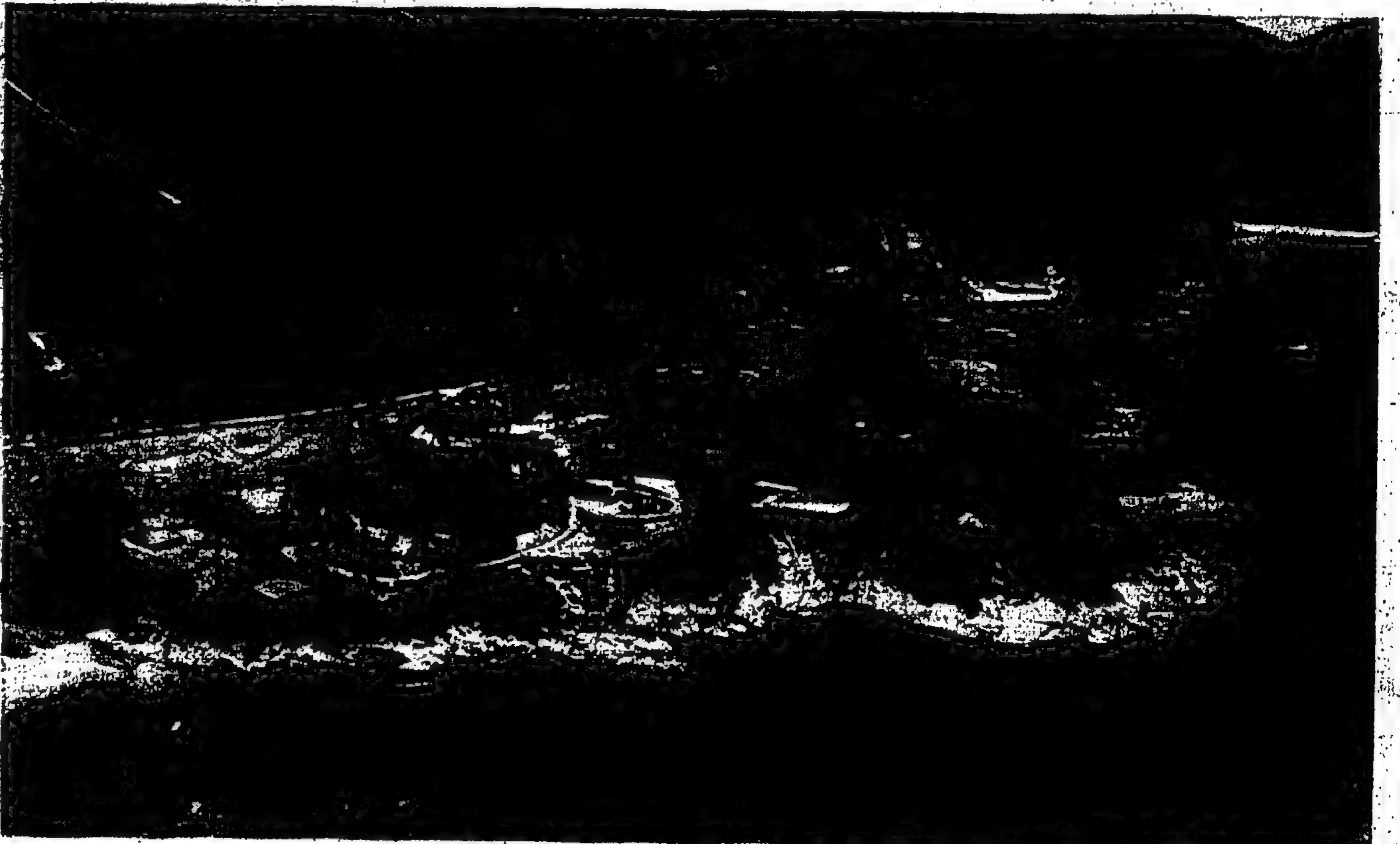
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Hong Kong is noted for its beautiful bays, tucked against ranges of hills. Above, an aerial view of Deep Water Bay. Below, the Shek-O Country Club golf course, which is adjacent to Shek-O Beach. ("China Mail" photos)



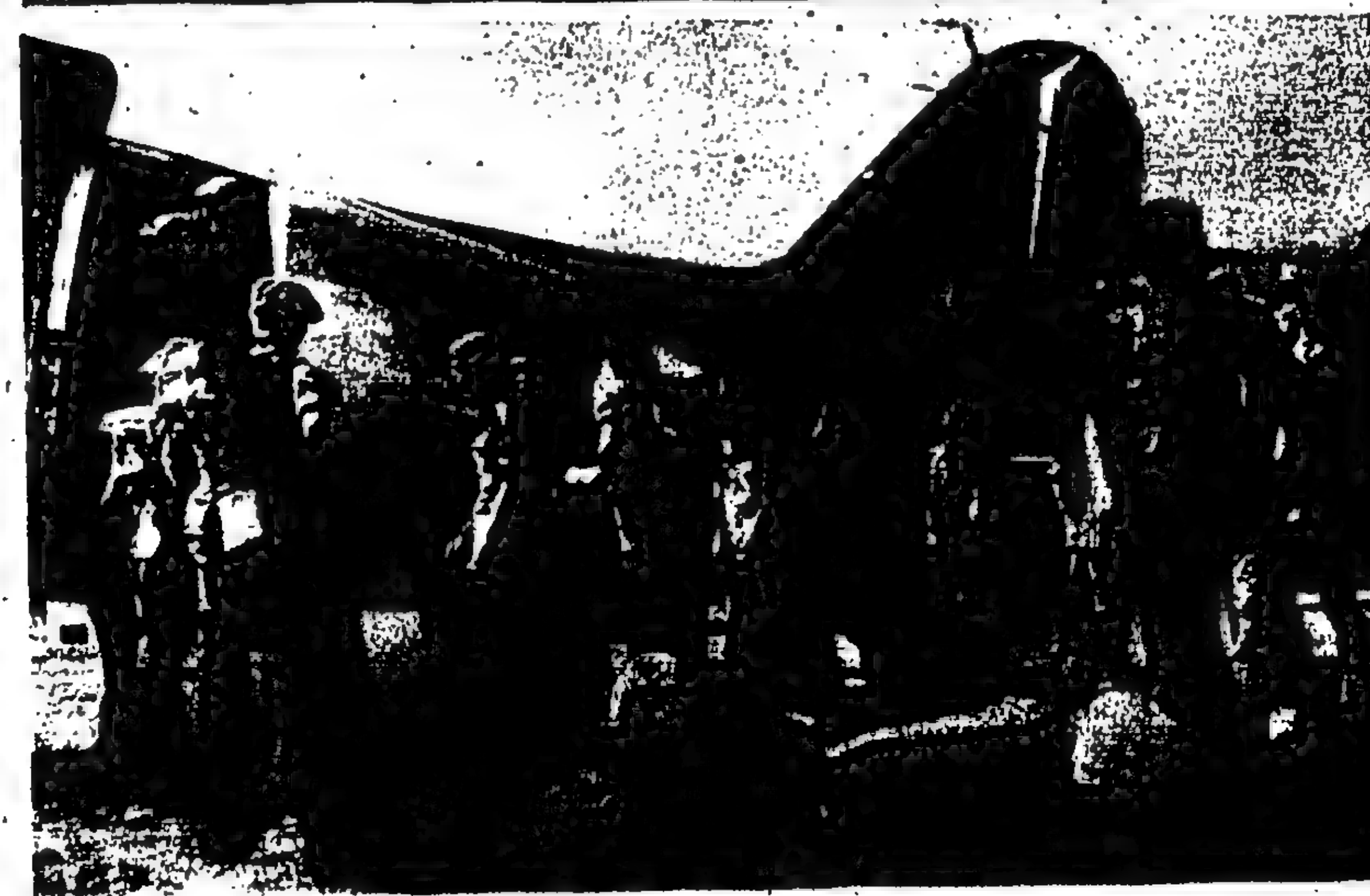


Dr. and Mrs. T. V. Soong are shown at Kai Tak before their departure for France. Dr. Soong, former Premier of China, is leaving for reasons of health. ("China Mail" photo)



Mr. Vernon Walker, Chief Engineer and Assistant Manager of the Hong Kong Tramways Limited, left recently for Australia. ("China Mail" photo)

Members of the Hong Kong Defence Force line up to hear instructions at their first drill since the inauguration of the Force. ("China Mail" photo)



The race is on! Contestants in the 200-metre junior relay of the Wah Yan College annual sports meeting are off their marks. ("China Mail" photo)

With their kitbags slung over their shoulder, members of the Royal Engineers No. 1 Independent Field Squadron leave Kai Tak for their quarters. ("China Mail" photo)



Personnel of the Royal Engineers No. 1 Independent Field Squadron. They will be stationed in the New Territories.

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Squadron land at Kai Tak to bolster the Colony's New Territories. ("China Mail" photo).



The Northumberland and Durham Association bowls team, which recently drew with the KBGC in a friendly encounter. ("Ming Yuen" photo)

The KBGC team, which recently played the Northumberland and Durham Association in a friendly lawn bowls game. ("Ming Yuen" photo)



A player rolls his wood during the friendly game between the Northumberland and Durham Association and the KBGC. The encounter ended in a draw.



The array of trophies presented to the winners of the Wah Yan College annual athletic meet held recently at King's Park. ("China Mail" photo)

Wan Hui-bai is shown breasting the tape in the 800-metre relay at the Wah Yan College annual sports meet, held recently at King's Park. ("China Mail" photo)



Mr. C. M. Denton, President of the Pacific Iron and Steel Exporting Company, who arrived recently for a business visit. He is shown with Mr. M. C. Kung, Far Eastern Representative, and Mr. N. J. Kiskorian (right).



Right, the ss. Kwongtung, which took some 100 Shanghai Portuguese exiles from the Colony to Macao, where they will receive refuge. At extreme right, the Portuguese Consul General, Dr. E. Brazao, is seen waving to the ss. Kwongtung as she pulls away. ("China Mail" photo)



A troop of Boy Scouts leaves St. Teresa's Church during the celebrations of the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima, held recently in the Colony. ("China Mail" photo)

A solemn procession of schoolgirls at the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima, which was recently celebrated by Catholics throughout the Colony. ("China Mail" photo)



Mr. and Mrs. William Yee pose for a picture with relatives and friends after their recent wedding. The bride is the former Miss Wong Yuk-ling. ("Francis Wu" photo)

The captain of the Combined Services team wears a winner's smile as he receives the Victory Shield from Mrs. Barrett, wife of Major J. Barrett. ("China Mail" photo)



The victorious Combined Services XI, which beat Combined Chinese last week to win the Victory Shield Soccer Competition. ("China Mail" photo)



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Questions regarding the requisitioning of private property for the military reinforcements expected here soon will be asked by Sir Man-kam Lo at today's Legislative Council meeting.

Government has already taken over two premises in the New Territories—Hong Lok Yuen and the former Cafeteria—eight flats at Nos. 22 and 24 Cammerford Road, and two houses on the island at Nos. 535 and 536, Stubbs Road.

The questions to be asked today by Sir Man-kam are:

"Whether any requisition by Government on behalf of any of the Services is contemplated in relation to the expected arrivals of reinforcements to the Colony."

"If so, will Government take the necessary steps to ensure that the incidence of the Liability for such requisition is clearly accepted by the Service concerned."

Sir Man-kam will state that the questions are being asked in view of the unsatisfactory position on behalf of the Services of private property before the outbreak of the Pacific War in respect of which large outstanding claims have up to now not been settled.

Places for Typhoon Signals

Places where local typhoon signals will in future be exhibited were officially announced yesterday.

The signals will be displayed day and night at the Royal Observatory, Marine Office, and the Royal Naval Dockyard; during the day only at the Kowloon Wharf and Green Island; and at night only at the Kowloon Railway Station, the Kowloon Docks, Stonecutter's Island and Lyemun Barracks.

FOUR DISCHARGED

Wong Man, proprietor of Chiu Kee Hotel of No. 7, Connaught Road West, was discharged by Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday on a charge of keeping a gaming house for the purpose of playing Russian Poker.

Three other defendants charged with gambling in the same premises were also acquitted.

RADIO

This is Radio Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 645 kilocycles per second and on 522 megacycles per second in the 31 metre band.

12.15 p.m.—Morning Prayers (Radio).
12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.
12.35 p.m.—Band Concert.
1.00 p.m.—Songs by Miss Crosby and the Andrews Sisters.
1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.
1.35 p.m.—Interlude.
1.50 p.m.—Selection from Grand Opera.
2.30 p.m.—Close Down.
2.50 p.m.—Programme Summary.
3.01 p.m.—The Richard Tauber Programme with the Melochino Orchestra and Guest: Irene Ambrose (HBCS).
3.40 p.m.—Ted Heath and His Music.
3.50 p.m.—Saxophone Recital by Emilio Belongs with Piano accompaniment by Victor Gribel (Studio).
7.00 p.m.—"Record Round-About". Variety Request Programme presented by Jean Hailley (Studio).
8.30 p.m.—News and News Analysis (London Relay).
8.45 p.m.—"Much Dangling in the Marsh" (HBCS).
8.55 p.m.—"Generally Speaking"—"More than Good Judgment". A Talk by Ann Swinton Lee (London Relay).
9.00 p.m.—"From the Editor's" (London Relay).
10.00 p.m.—"The Gaiety" by Brydon Jones with Janet Davids, Betty Henders-Wright, Frederick Harvey, HBC Midland Chorus and Light Orchestra conducted by Gilbert Vintar (HBCS).
10.10 p.m.—News as History. The History of the Times—Reviewed by Wickham Street (HBCS).
10.30 p.m.—London Radio Melodies... Geraldine and His Orchestra with Doreen Lundy and Archie Lewis (HBCS).
11.00 p.m.—Radio News Reel (London Relay).
11.15 p.m.—Weather Report and Summary of News from China.
11.20 p.m.—Close Down.

U.S. Hospital Ship Due

The American hospital ship, Repose, is expected here shortly to evacuate American nationals from the interior of China who wish to leave on the advice of the American consular authorities.

The Repose transported a number of American and British evacuees from Tsingtau to Japan recently and is now on her way to Hong Kong.

The visit here of Mr. Lewis Clark, American Consul-General at Canton, was postponed yesterday owing to bad flying weather.

He is due to arrive here today for discussions with Admiral Oscar C. Badger, Commander of the United States Western Pacific Fleet and Mr. George D. Hopper, American Consul-General at Hong Kong, on the evacuation of American nationals from the interior of China.

FOOD AND FUEL COSTS

Food and fuel costs compiled by the Labour Department for the week ended May 21 follow:

Rice and Flour	7.2	cattle \$4.90
Vegetables	1.9	" 1.35
Salt Cabbage	2	" 1.20
Oil	2	" 1.40
Tea	2	" 1.50
Salt Fish	3	" 1.40
Fish	4	" 1.30
Pork	4	" 1.20
Stewed	10	" 9.00
Bean Curi, 14 pieces		7.00
Total		\$19.470

"NEGATIVE QUALITY"

The Photographic Society will hold its monthly dinner-meeting at Cafe Wiseman today. Mr. Ken Watson will speak on "Negative Quality."

APPLICATIONS

Eight applications for swine food factories, milk shops, food preserving establishments and laundry licences were refused by the Urban Council at its fortnightly meeting yesterday.

PLEADS GUILTY OF FORGERY

On the application of Detective Sub-Inspector V. M. Morrison, who acted on the instruction of the Attorney General, the case against Pang Wing-chung was taken summarily by Mr. J. Wickes at Kowloon yesterday.

The offences were forging driving examination application forms, on April 22, 23, and 30 and May 3 and obtaining \$200 by virtue of a forged document on May 3.

According to the prosecution, Inspector Morrison and a party of police on May 3 acting on information, went to Ritz House, Hillwood Road, where defendant was approached by a detective.

Defendant said that he could obtain a driving examination pass for \$200.

After negotiation, defendant went to 27 Lock Road and came back to Ritz House by taxi with an application form for driving examination signed by a traffic officer.

Defendant was given two marked \$100 bills and was caught red-handed by the Police when he left the premises.

As a result of the arrest, seven similar offences committed by defendant on different occasions came to light.

Inspector Morris said that defendant got all the contacts when he was a driving instructor.

Defendant in court pleaded guilty and sentence was reserved until today.

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Outward Mails

It is hereby notified that surface mail to Shanghai and North China cannot be accepted until further notice.

Airmail for Shanghai only can be accepted at sender's risk.

Times observed: Registered Articles and Parcel Post close 30 minutes earlier than the ordinary mail. If mail close before 10 a.m. Registered and Parcel Post close at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

Mails are closed at Kowloon Central Post Office half an hour earlier than the GPO closing times.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25

Closing Times by Air

Canton, (Kowloon CPO) 7.30 a.m., 10.30 a.m., 12.30 p.m., 2.30 p.m.; (GPO) 7 a.m., 10 a.m., Noon, 2 p.m.

Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 5 p.m., 24/5, (Ord.) 5 a.m., 25/5.

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Closing Times by Air

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Aberdeen Industrial School	1,750
The Hong Kong Workers' Children Education Committee	1,000
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Shaukiwan Orphanage	500
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St. John Ambulance Brigade	1,000
Hong Kong Chinese Women's Club	500
Police Dependents Fund	1,500
Hong Kong Anti-T.B. Association	1,000
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CONFISCATION OF OPIUM

An application for the confiscation of 3,070 tools of raw opium, valued at HK\$250,000 was granted by Mr. F. X. d'Almeida at Central yesterday.

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S.S. "STEEL WORKER"	Discharging 31st May, sails for Saigon, Bangkok & Batavia 1st June.
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SAILINGS TO U.S.A. via PANAMA

S.S. "LONGVIEW VICTORY"	Loading 28th May
S.S. "STEEL EXECUTIVE"	19th June

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SAILINGS ARRIVALS

"TASMAN" 26th May In port
 "TUTJALENGKA" 9th June 26th May
 "TUTJADANE" 23rd June 9th June

MANILA

SAILINGS ARRIVALS

"TUTJALENGKA" 27th May 6th June

AMOY and SWATOW

SAILINGS ARRIVALS

"VAN RIEMSDIJK" 26th May

SINGAPORE, PENANG and BELAWAN DELI

SAILINGS ARRIVALS

"VAN RIEMSDIJK" 27th May 1st June
 "VAN HEUTSZ" 10th June

EAST & SOUTH AFRICA & SOUTH AMERICA

SAILINGS ARRIVALS

"STRAAT SOENDA" 26th May In port
 "TEGELBERG" 23rd June 7th June
 "TIJIKAMPEK" 18th July 10th July
 "RUYS" 10th Aug.

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 Transshipment cargo accepted on through B/L to
 Dar-Es-Salaam and Zanzibar.

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 EUROPE via MANILA and MALAYA

SAILINGS ARRIVALS

"MOLENKERR" 4th June Early June
 "MEERKERR" End June Early June
 "AMSTELDIJK" End July Early July
 "RIJNKERK" End Aug. Early Aug.

SHANGHAI and JAPAN

SAILINGS ARRIVALS

"MOLENKERR" 1st June

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KING'S BUILDING: TEL. 28015 to 28017

CHINESE AGENTS: 82, CONNAUGHT RD. C. TEL. 31196-25133

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ARRIVING FROM U.S. ATLANTIC COAST VIA LOS ANGELES & SAN FRANCISCO

m.v. "DONA NATI" 22nd May
 m.v. "BATAAN" 26th May

SAILING FOR U.S. ATLANTIC COAST VIA SAN FRANCISCO & LOS ANGELES

m.v. "BATAAN" 27th May
 m.v. "DONA AURORA" (calls Japan) 15th June
 m.v. "DONA NATI" 22nd June

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LOADING ABOUT 20th June

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S.S. "TAI TUNG" for Singapore & Penang 26th May
 S.S. "CHI TUNG" Manila 26th May
 S.S. "HAI TAI" Haiphong 26th May
 S.S. "TENG KENG" Keelung, Kobe & Yokohama 27th May
 S.S. "HAI HSIA" Singapore 27th May

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FINANCE AND COMMERCE

DEVALUATION RUMOURS AGAIN CURRENT IN U.S.

New York, May 24.

New and insistent reports are again prevalent in the United States that serious consideration is being given to devaluation of various European currencies.

Despite Sir Stafford Cripps' recent denial that the value of the Pound would be lowered, many American observers believe that if any one country's currency is devalued all the other overvalued currencies would be likely to follow suit.

H.K. Stock Exchange

A moderately active day but with most prices showing a drifting away from Monday's closing levels.

H.K. GOVT. LOANS:

1st Loan (1934 & 1940) 101.
 2nd Loan (1941) 102.
 H.K. & S. Bank 100.00, 100.75.
 (Loan, Reg.) 100.00.
 Chartered Bank 101.15/16.
 Bank of East Asia 100.
 Bank of China 100.

INSURANCES:

Union Ins. 220.
 Union Ins. 220.
 China Underwriters 220.
 H.K. Fire Ins. 220.

SHIPPING:

Indo-China S.S. Co. 220.
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 Bank of China 100.

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 Bank of East Asia 100.
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 Bank of East Asia 100.
 Bank of China 100.

COTTONS:

H.K. & S. Bank 100.00, 100.75.
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RUBBER, Etc., COMPANIES:

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 Bank of East Asia 100.
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MONEY MARKET

U.S. dollars opened yesterday at HK\$7.00, and after climbing to 58.30 dropped to 57.45 at the close.

TT closed at HK\$7.50 after it had gone up to 7.05.

Pinstres closed at HK\$14.20 a 100 after opening at \$14.

Sterling was at HK\$18.00, and Australian pounds at HK\$15.00.

Ticals went up to HK\$28.50 a 100.

NEI Guilders opened at HK\$42 a 100 and closed at \$40.50.

N.Y. Stock Exchange

New York, May 24.

The stock market dropped to the lowest average level in nearly three months on Monday. Stocks led the decline. Losses ranged from fractions to nearly two points. Many key issues hit new lows for the year. Transfers were 722,000, one of the slowest days of the year.

Business contractions and slipping commodity prices may have stimulated selling, but brokers noted the decline was a gradual settling rather than an abrupt retreat. Among losers: Allied Chemical, Santa Fe, Firestone, Deere, Douglas Aircraft, Western Union, Nickel Plate, Sinclair Oil, Gulf Oil, United Airlines, Warner Brothers. Modest gainers included: Woolworth, Caterpillar Tractor, Mission Corporation.

Down Jones averages: Stocks 62.21; Industrials 172.32; Rails 46.04; Utilities 35.51.

Closing stocks: Adams Express 18 1/2; Alaska 10 1/2; American Gas 9 1/2; American Smelter 5 1/2; American Telephone 14 1/2; American Tobacco 10; Anacosta Copper 2 1/2; Aviation Corporation 5; Baldwin Locomotive 10; Barnhill 4 1/2; Bendis Aviation 3 1/2; Bethlehem Steel 27; Boeing Aircraft 30 1/2; Borden Company 4 1/2; Canadian Pacific 12 1/2; C. I. Case 32; Chrysler 40 1/2; Colgate 24; Commercial Union 14 1/2; Corn Products 62; Du Pont 100 1/2; Eastman Kodak 41 1/2; Electric Light and Power 25 1/2; General Electric 36 1/2; General Motors 54 1/2; Goodrich 40 1/2; Goodyear 40 1/2; Homebrew 40 1/2; International Harvester 25 1/2; International Paper 40 1/2; International Tel. and Tel. 54; Johns-Manville 54 1/2; Kennecott Copper 48 1/2; Montgomery Ward 5 1/2; National Distillers 22 1/2; National Lead 20 1/2; New York Central 11 1/2; Packard Motor 8 1/2; Pennsylvania R.R. 18 1/2; Radio Corporation 11 1/2; Real Silk 11; Republic Steel 20 1/2; Reynolds Tobacco 20 1/2; Sears Roebuck 37 1/2; Shell Oil 34 1/2; Socony Vacuum 15 1/2; Southern Pacific 41 1/2; Standard Brands 18 1/2; Standard Oil of California 6 1/2; Standard Oil of N.J. 16 1/2; Studebaker 10 1/2; Union Carbide 23 1/2; Union Pacific 20 1/2; US Rubber 27 1/2; US Steel 65 1/2; US Lines 15 1/2; Westinghouse 22 1/2; Whittier 10 1/2; General Public Utilities 14.

Associated Press.

PI LOAN TO INDONESIA?

Manila, May 24.

The Philippine Foreign Office begins talks today with Indonesian representatives on the proposed US\$500,000 loan to Indonesia in the form of surplus Philippine goods.

The Indonesian representatives, Dr. Alexander Marans, Foreign Minister, and Mr. Charles Tamdu, Secretary-General, will confer with Mr. Felipe Neri, Under-Secretary of Foreign Affairs.

The Philippine Cabinet has expressed itself as favouring a loan, but has taken no definite action, awaiting a concrete Indonesian proposal.—United Press.

CHICAGO GRAINS

Chicago, May 24.

Grain futures were firm in light trading. Wheat closed 1 1/2-1 1/4 higher. July 1.07 1/2; September 1.00 1/2; December 1.07 1/2. Corn 1-1 1/4 high. July 1.32 1/2-1.33; September 1.32 1/2-1.33; December 1.32 1/2-1.33. Oats 1/2-1/4 higher. July .62; September .61; December .61. Soybeans 1/2 to 2 cents higher. July .22 1/2-22.25; September .22 1/2-22.25; December .22 1/2-22.25.—Associated Press.

LONDON STOCKS

London, May 24.

Small losses were widespread on the Stock Exchange on Monday. The threat of a railway strike created some selling and caution. Decline of Britain's April exports also was a bearish influence. British funds closed fractionally lower and leading industrial shares slightly off. Koffers declined in sympathy with the general trend. Financial Times Index 113.6.—Associated Press.

Notice To Consignees

M/S. "MARCHEN MAERSK"

arrived May 22, 1949

Cargo shipped from U.S.A. by the above vessel and destined for:

SHANGHAI

was discharged at Hong Kong into the premises of the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., according to the terms and condition of the Bill of Lading, where it now is lying at the risk and expenses of Cargo Owners, who are requested to surrender to the relative B/L duly endorsed for countersignature, so that delivery may be effected.

JESSEN & CO.

Agents: MAERSK LINE.

Paris, May 23. The French Foreign Office announced today the signing of a Franco-Yugoslav trade agreement under which each country will be exchanging goods worth six milliard francs (2,547,500) during the next 12 months.—Reuter.

MAERSK LINE

Notice To Consignees

The M/V "MARCHEN MAERSK" having arrived from New York and Port of call, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified that their goods are being landed and placed at their risk and expense into the Hong Kong & Kowloon & Godown Company's godowns at Kowloon, where delivery may be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

Optional cargo will not be landed here, unless notice has been given at least 48 hours prior to vessel's arrival, but carried on from port to port to the final port of call to which the option extends.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 29th May, 1949, will be subject to rent.

All broken, cased, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on 27th May, 1949 at 10 a.m. by our Surveyors Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged liable goods are examined.

All claims must reach us before the 22nd June, 1949, or they will not be recognized.

No Insurance will be effected.

JESSEN & CO.

Agents.

Hong Kong, May 24, 1949.



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The Global Fleet

TO HONOLULU AND SAN FRANCISCO

via SHANGHAI & JAPAN

"President Wilson" June 12
 "General Gordon" (via Manila & Japan) June 25
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TO SAN FRANCISCO AND LOS ANGELES

via JAPAN

"President Taft" May 28
 "President Madison" June 4

TO NEW YORK, BALTIMORE & BOSTON

via PANAMA

"President Johnson" (Direct to Pacific Coast) June 16
 "President Harrison" (Direct to Pacific Coast) July 12

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SAILINGS TO MANILA

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ARRIVALS

SHIP FROM DUTY
 "BENRINNES" U.K. via Singapore In port
 "BENAVON" do do 28th May
 "BENARTY" do do Early June
 "BENVENUE" do do 1st half June
 "BENLOMOND" do do 2nd half June
 "BENVLAVER" do do End June
 "BENLAVER" do do Early July

SAILINGS

SHIP TO LOADING
 "BENAVON" London, Antwerp, 29th May
 "BENVENUE" Rotterdam, Ham- 2nd half June
 "BENLAVER" burg & Hull, 1st half July
 "BENRINNES" Liverpool, Glasgow, 26th May
 "BENARTY" do do 2nd half June
 "BENVLAVER" Havre, Antwerp, 1st half July
 "BENLOMOND" Rotterdam, Hamburg, do
 "BENLAVER" Genoa, London, Ant- 2nd half July
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ARRIVALS FROM PACIFIC COAST
 M.S. "FRANCISVILLE" 24th May
 M.S. "CASTLEVILLE" 21st June

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"SEA SERPENT"	San Francisco	In port May 19	May 20	San Francisco & Los Angeles
"JULIA LUCKENBACH"	San Francisco	May 19	May 20	San Francisco & Los Angeles
"CHINA VICTORY"	San Francisco	June 4	June 5	San Francisco & Los Angeles
"LIGHTNING"	San Francisco	June 11	June 12	San Francisco & Los Angeles
"FLYING DRAGON"	San Francisco	June 18	June 19	San Francisco & Los Angeles
"JULIA LUCKENBACH"	San Francisco	June 25	June 26	San Francisco & Los Angeles

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Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia, etc.
ab. May 30th
First half June
beg. July

SAILING TO
North Africa & Europe
May 27th
beg. June
mid. June
end. June
beg. July
mid. July

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In Port Discharging

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Duo 4th June, 1949.

Agents:

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(Isthmian Steamship Co. of N.Y.)

DIRECT SAILING TO U.S.A. VIA PANAMA

S.S. "LONGVIEW VICTORY"

LOADING 28th MAY

for

LOS ANGELES, and NEW YORK

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Agents:

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The SWEDISH EAST ASIA Co., Ltd.

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Loading 3rd June

for

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M.S. "MARCHEN MAERSK" July 3

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M.S. "TREIN MAERSK" June 16

M.S. "LEISE MAERSK" June 18

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Shipping Arrivals

YESTERDAY

HOI WONG (Johanna), Norwegian, 1,917 tons, ex-Swallow, 12.15 p.m.

MENTON (H. & S.), British, 4,500 tons, ex-Menton, 1.15 p.m.

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Shipping Departures

YESTERDAY

AGAPINOR (H. & S.), for Singapore, 12.15 p.m.

ALBAN (Watson), for Chongqing, 1.15 p.m.

DOLINE (H. & S.), for Macassar, 1.15 p.m.

HAI WHO (H. & S.), for Canton, 1.15 p.m.

HAI TER (H. & S.), for Kowloon, 1.15 p.m.

HUTSON (H. & S.), for Canton, 1.15 p.m.

KINGSBOROUGH (H. & S.), for Canton, 1.15 p.m.

RAN FERNANDO (H. & S.), for Canton, 1.15 p.m.

SHENKING (H. & S.), for Canton, 1.15 p.m.

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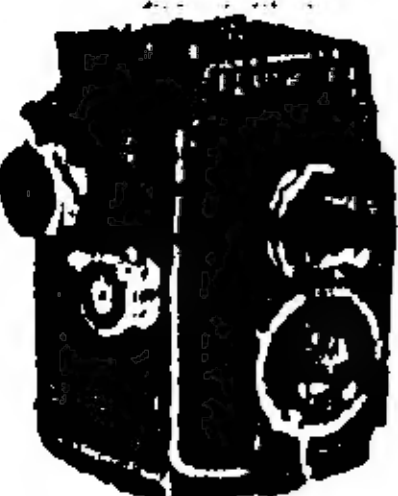
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NEW ZEALANDERS SCORE 247 FOR SIX WICKETS

London, May 24.
Cricket at Lords was delayed half an hour owing to rain today and within 20 minutes of the start, another downpour sent the players back to the pavilion, and by lunch time had scored 247 for six.

The New Zealander seventh wicket pair, Rabone and Mooney had added 10 runs to the overnight score. The soft pitch handicapped the MCC bowlers, Broderick and Bailey, who had to use sawdust to obtain a foothold.

Trevor Bailey, the 25-year-old Essex amateur fast bowler, must have impressed the Test selectors by his performance for the MCC against the New Zealanders here yesterday.

After dismissing the MCC for 379, the tourists lost six wickets for 94 runs, mainly due to Bailey.

A fine seventh wicket partnership between George Rabone and Frank Mooney pulled the game round and by the close of play the tourists had scored 237 for six wickets.

Maintaining a capital pace and generally pitching the ball well up to the batsmen, Bailey accounted for Sutcliffe, Donnelly, Reid and Hadlee in the course of 14 overs and, after the lunch interval, he held a superb right-hand catch at square leg from a mighty hook by Wallace.

The New Zealanders were clearly surprised by Bailey's pace. Mann, the MCC captain, wisely used him in short spells. When the King and Queen arrived, the Wellington pair, Rabone and Mooney, were sublimely entranced in a prizeworthy effort to save the follow-on, which they managed by eight runs without being separated when play closed for the day.

During the tea interval the King and Queen went on to the field and shook hands and chatted with the players and umpires, and left after seeing Mooney and Rabone establish a century partnership from the first ball after tea when Edrich missed an easy catch offered by Rabone from Laker's bowling.

This proved an expensive error for the pair stayed two and a half hours and added 143. Neither had found much opportunity previously to show his ability with the bat. Until today Rabone's best on the tour was 16 not out, now he claimed the top score of the match. If lacking style, both men fought doggedly so that the tourists finished 142 behind with four wickets left.

An early lunch was taken today and a further inspection of the wicket will be made

at 1.30 p.m. (BST). Scores when play was interrupted were: New Zealanders 247 for six, Rabone not out 79, Mooney not out 60, extras six.

The scoreboard read:
MCC—1st Innings 379
New Zealand—1st Innings 247
Sutcliffe, b. Bailey 3
Scott, lbw., b. Edrich 5
Hadlee, c. Griffith, b. Bailey 46
Wallace, c. Bailey, b. Compton 28
Donnelly, c. Edrich, b. Bailey 79
Reid, b. Bailey 79
Rabone, not out 79
Mooney, not out 60
Extras 6
Total (for six wickets) 247

Tennis Game Postponed

Heavy rain, which flooded most courts in the Colony caused all tennis League matches fixed for yesterday to be postponed.

League games have been arranged for the various Divisions on the following days:

Every Monday:
Mixed Doubles "A" Division
Every Tuesday:
Men's "B" Division
Every Wednesday:
Men's "C" Division
Every Thursday:

Men's "A" Division
Ladies' "A" Division
Every Friday:
Mixed Doubles "D" Division.
The handbooks of the Hong Kong Lawn Tennis Association are expected to be available to all Clubs at the beginning of June.

Today's Games

"C" DIVISION (MEN)
USRC v IRC
Recreio v CCC
SCAA v Kowloon Dock
KCC v CRC "B"
CRC "C" v CRC "A"

REMEDIOS WINS IN CLOSE GAME

(By "GRANDSTAND")

The Shell Club Singles Handicap Snooker Tournament was concluded last night when J.J. Remedios nosed out R.A. Mead 58-57 in a close finish.

Mead led 57-39 up to last two balls, but a successful snooker by Remedios which found Mead close behind the black put him in the game again, and when Remedios put away the remaining spheroids, he was champion by the slimmest margin.

The Handicapping Committee did a splendid job in classifying the players, as with very few exceptions, most of the games throughout the Series were close.

Thirty six contestants participated in the Knock-out Tournament and the results of the five elimination rounds with the qualifications names first are as follows:

1st Round: J. J. Remedios—R. A. Mead 58-57; R. S. Ellis—D. G. Remedios 46-45; J. C. Remedios—M. S. Douglas 45-43. The others drew byes.

2nd Round: J. J. Remedios—R. A. Mead 58-57; R. S. Ellis—D. G. Remedios 46-45; J. C. Remedios—M. S. Douglas 45-43. The others drew byes.

3rd Round: J. J. Remedios—A. J. Rodrigues 58-57; L. G. Pinn—T. M. Vong 57-56; M. S. Douglas—J. C. Remedios 45-43; R. S. Ellis—D. G. Remedios 46-45; J. C. Remedios—M. S. Douglas 45-43. The others drew byes.

4th Round: J. J. Remedios—A. J. Rodrigues 58-57; L. G. Pinn—T. M. Vong 57-56; M. S. Douglas—J. C. Remedios 45-43; R. S. Ellis—D. G. Remedios 46-45; J. C. Remedios—M. S. Douglas 45-43. The others drew byes.

5th Round (Semi-Finals): J. J. Remedios—A. J. Rodrigues 58-57; L. G. Pinn—T. M. Vong 57-56; M. S. Douglas—J. C. Remedios 45-43; R. S. Ellis—D. G. Remedios 46-45; J. C. Remedios—M. S. Douglas 45-43. The others drew byes.

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Large Turnout For Week-End Yachting

The fine weather drew large numbers to the Yacht Club last week-end, though the ever-varying South Westerly breezes made racing far from easy.

Crews had to be on their toes all the time if full advantage was to be taken of the conditions, while helmsmen were required to exercise their wits and skill to the full if they wanted to win.

A temporary relaxation of the rules, which would cause a loss of several places in as many seconds.

As is usually the case in the harbour when the wind is from the South West, squalls are the order of the day and you cannot always see them coming.

The Handicapping Committee did a splendid job in classifying the players, as with very few exceptions, most of the games throughout the Series were close.

There was a good turnout for the Redwing Race on Sunday afternoon, with 13 starters. There were many exciting moments with two boats capsizing, and it was supposed that there were at least three collisions, but only one was reported officially to the officer of the day.

Involuntary Swim

The crews of several dinghies and Redwings took an involuntary swim both on Saturday and Sunday, but the water was warm, and, apart from the loss of points, they didn't seem to mind.

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Must Retire From Race

In this connection helmsmen are reminded once more that in the event of a collision they must retire from the race if they are in the wrong or about a point flag if they think they are in the right. If you have been fouled by another boat it is against the rules to let her off, and similarly if you have fouled another boat or mark it is against the rules to carry on and apart from this, it is against the rules to confuse the timekeeper.

The Sailing Committee intend to tighten up on this rule, so that in future a helmsman must not be surprised if he finds himself disqualified for not protesting when he has been fouled. Yacht Racing like all other sport, must be carried out according to the rules.

Ladies' Race

The Monthly Ladies' Race held on Saturday afternoon proved to be as great an attraction as usual or even greater since this was the final race in the Spring Series. The winner by a fair margin was Miss Darby, who thereby gets the Cup, her best three results over the series securing 90 points.

The runner-up in Saturday's Race was Miss Spencer-Cooper, giving her 87 points for the series, but not quite enough to bring her up to second place which goes to Miss Dewar who holds 88 points.

The All-Day Cruiser Race on Sunday was disappointing since, in spite of ideal conditions, there were only three starters, with Mr. Laidlaw's "Transport" chasing the fleet at high speed, but a star which was too late to count. The course was set round the North and South Ninepin Islands, a distance of approximately 25 miles, which the leading yachts covered in just under six hours—remarkably quick considering the wind was not strong.

The finish was exciting with Mr. Croucher's "La Cigale" charging for the line, and Mr. Forsyth's "Artik III" close on her heels.

Just Failed

Unfortunately the Commodore was "under the line" and just failed to make the distant mark thus enabling Artik to slip through and win by 35 seconds (elapsed time) and by 50 minutes with her handicap. Congratulations to Artik.

Lawn Bowls Teams

The following have been selected to represent the Kowloon Bowling Green Club in their lawn bowls league matches on Saturday, commencing at 4 p.m.

FIRST TEAM: J. Tindall, A. L. G. Eastman, L. A. Collyer and J. McKelvie (SKIP).

SECOND TEAM: J. Tindall, A. L. G. Eastman, L. A. Collyer and J. McKelvie (SKIP).

THIRD TEAM: J. Tindall, A. L. G. Eastman, L. A. Collyer and J. McKelvie (SKIP).

HKERC TO MEET PRC

The following team has been selected to represent the Hong Kong Electric Recreation Club against the Police Recreation Club on Saturday, May 28. The game will be played at Happy Valley at 4.00 p.m.

HKERC: J. Tindall, A. L. G. Eastman, L. A. Collyer and J. McKelvie (SKIP).

PRC: J. Tindall, A. L. G. Eastman, L. A. Collyer and J. McKelvie (SKIP).

YORKSHIRE COLLAPSE TOTALLY UNEXPECTED

London, May 23.
Bowler were again on top in most County cricket matches today. The unexpected collapse of Yorkshire against Roland Jenkins, of Worcestershire, provided one of the highlights of the day's play.

Yorkshire lost nine wickets for 111 today, Jenkins taking five of them for 39. Hutton remained unbeaten with 78 and had the distinction of batting through a complete innings for the first time in his career and became the ninth Yorkshire player to do so.

Eric Bedford bowled well on a responsive wicket for Surrey to

gain a first innings lead at Birmingham. The remaining Warwickshire wickets fell in half an hour this morning. Splendid bowling by Warwickshire's Eric Hollies then put his side in a good position. He took eight Surrey second innings wickets for 54 runs.

Another grand innings by Somerset's Harold Gimblett, who completed his second century of the match with a six in the last over of the day, following fine bowling by Lawrence placed Somerset in a good position to record their first championship win of the season. It was the first time that Gimblett had scored two centuries in a match. Somerset finished with a lead of 309 runs.

After gaining a first innings lead over Nottinghamshire with only half the side out, Kent collapsed against some fine bowling by Harris, who enjoyed a spell after tea of three wickets for seven runs.

His performance was eclipsed by Jenson, who returning after illness captured six for 84. Meads, the home wicket-keeper, helped to dismiss six Kent batsmen.

The close of play scores were: At Cambridge: Cambridge University 285; Middlesex 402 for 4 (Brown 179, Sharp 98). At Taunton: Somerset 242 and 217 for 3 (Gimblett 102 not out, Cooper 63 not out); Hampshire 150 (Lawrence 6 for 31).

At Gloucester: Sussex 241 and 61 for 3; Gloucestershire 349 (Graveney 63, Allen 55, Wood 6 for 68).

At Birmingham: Surrey 234 and 123 (Hollies 78 for 54); Warwickshire 124 (Eric Bedford 6 for 47).

At Bedford: Glamorgan 284 and 171 for 7 (E. Davies 78); Essex 310 (Pearce 50, Smith 72, Woolter 6 for 98).

At Ashby de la Zouche: Derbyshire 262 and 248 for 9 declared (Gladwin 50, Walsh 50 for 108); Leicestershire 130 (Leafor 51, Gladwin 5 for 28) and 51 for one.

At Peterborough: Lancashire 407; Northamptonshire 218 (Oldfield 77, Roberts 5 for 35) and 53 for no wicket.

At Nottingham: Nottinghamshire 272 and 31 for 10 wicket; Kent 328 (Fogg 102, Evans 77, Clark 53 not out, Jenson 6 for 94).

At Sheffield: Worcestershire 263 and 140 for 4 (E. Cooper 59); Yorkshire 153 (Hutton 78 not out, Jenkins 5 for 39).—Reuter.

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